

## 7. SPEED CHECK ROADSIDE TRAILER TRIAL

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the results of the Speed Check Roadside Trailer trial.

The trailer unit was hired from Speed Check Promotions Limited for a week in September. It was placed on five (50 kph speed zones) trail sites throughout the city for a period of approximately three hours, two or three times during the week. Speed checks were carried out prior to and after the trial.

The before and after speed checks showed no difference in the average and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile readings. However when vehicles were being observed at the sites during the trial they did slow and proceeded on at a slower speed. Residents in the vicinity of the sites noticed a reduction in speeds when the trailer was on site. They requested that the trailer be at the site for a longer time and that there be enforcement in place at the same time.

The conclusions drawn after the trial were that:

- It is a good educational tool for motorists and neighbourhoods.
- It allows neighbourhoods to observe the speed of vehicles in a local road and will answer perceived speed problems. The trailer could be used in a Neighbourhood Speed Watch area.
- The trailer unit would have a greater impact if it were in place for a longer period of time – two or three full days in one week – and in conjunction with Police enforcement.
- Questions have been raised as to the accuracy of which vehicle is being monitored – those approaching or moving away. Further investigation needs to be carried out as to whether the number and speed of vehicles in both directions can be collected and analysed.

The Speed Check Roadside Trailer is a good educational tool that makes people aware of their speed. It is very portable and could be used citywide.

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.