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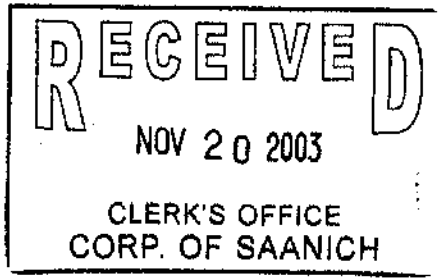
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**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Colin Doyle,  
Manager of Transportation and  
Infrastructure Planning

**DATE:** November 19, 2003  
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**SUBJECT: Lochside Drive Action Plan**



**DISCUSSION**

Municipal staff, in consultation with the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee, and after extensive public discussion, have completed the Lochside Drive Action Plan. The Plan has been reviewed and endorsed (see attached minutes) by the Planning and Transportation Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

The Action Plan recommends a number of traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements for Lochside Drive from Cordova Bay Road to Maplegrove Street, as shown on Figure 3 of the Plan, a copy of which is attached to this report.

The Action Plan is expected to achieve the desired objectives without creating significant problems on the adjacent road network, and it appears to be broadly supported by the community. The Plan does not preclude additional measures being added in the future if deemed necessary, nor would the Plan be substantially affected if an individual element was found over time to need modification or removal.


The recommended elements of the Plan are estimated to cost \$143,000. The work has been identified in the Engineering Department's draft 2004 Capital Budget. Council may wish to consider the project for early approval (typically early budget approvals are considered in the early spring of each year) in order that construction can be completed on this popular walking and cycling route prior to the peak usage period during the summer months.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Council approve the Lochside Drive Action Plan.
2. That funding for the Lochside Drive Action Plan be included in the draft 2004 Capital Budget and that the project be considered for 'early budget approval'.
3. That the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee members be thanked for their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:

  
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Colin Doyle, Manager, Transportation & Infrastructure Planning

Reviewed by:

  
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Hugh McKay, Director of Engineering

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Attachment

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

I endorse the recommendation of the Manager of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning.



for Tim Wood, Municipal Administrator

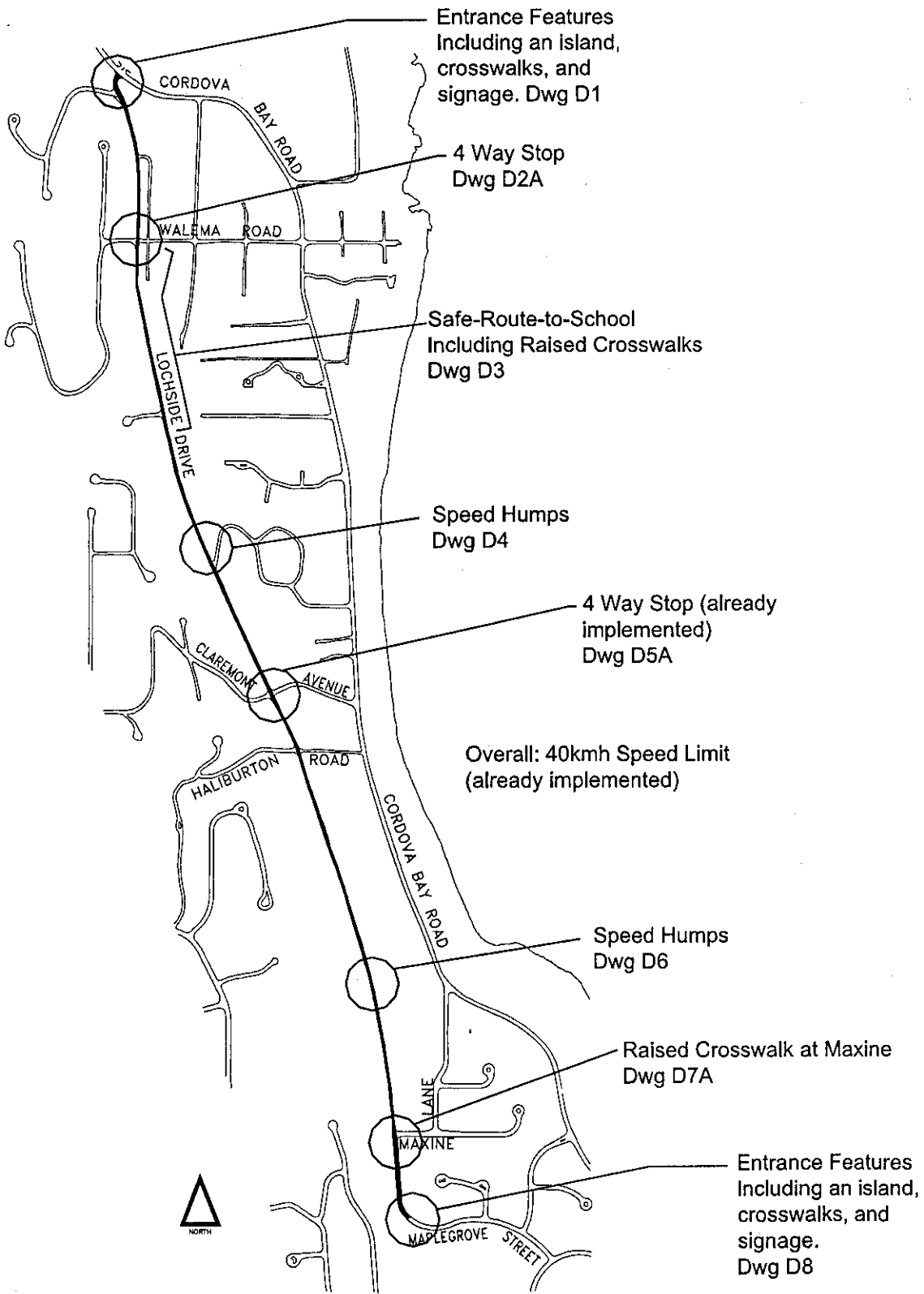


Figure 3: Recommended Lochside Drive Action Plan Improvements

## LOCHSIDE DRIVE ACTION PLAN

The Manager of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning circulated a drawing of recommended improvements to Lochside Drive from McMinn Park to Cordova Bay Road. These improvements were from two years work of the Lochside Drive Advisory Committee. These recommendations will be sent to various advisory committees to review, before going to Council. Support has been received from the community, with some opposition from a number of residents in the area. He provided an overview of the drawing and stated:

- ▶ Some of the features on the drawing are already in place.
- ▶ There will be an entrance feature, an island, crosswalks and signage at Lochside Drive and Cordova Bay Road. The intent will be to give people a sense that a different type of road use is ahead. The appearance of the signs is critical to send the appropriate message.

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- ▶ The intersection at Walesa Road will have a four way stop and a reduction of the overall size of the intersection.
- ▶ A paved, off road pathway and raised crosswalks have been provided as a safe-route-to-school near the Doumac Ravine.
- ▶ Two speed humps will be installed at Abbey Road. The speed humps will be spaced to encourage speeds of 40 km/h.

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- ▶ A four way stop has already been implemented at Claremont Avenue. A bench may also be provided.
- ▶ The pavement will be narrowed at Maplegrove Street and entrance features, including an island, crosswalks and signage will be added.

Committee discussion noted:

- ▶ Signs need to clarify which side and direction pedestrians and cyclists travel on.
- ▶ Naturescaping principles should be used in new landscaping.

Moved by V. Faulkner and seconded by B. Townsend: "That the Bicycle Advisory Committee approves the plan for Lochside Drive Action Plan Improvements as presented and requests that the introduction of signs at the north and south ends of the project be designed by a multi-disciplinary team and that the design for the signs include an artistic component that recognizes the 'gateway' function that the signs are intended to serve."

Carried

**LOCHSIDE ACTION PLAN**

The Manager of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning provided an overview of the Lochside Action Plan that was presented at an Open House in June 2003 and noted the following:

- The recent Open House was well attended - approximately 300 people..
- The Lochside Drive Advisory Committee was formed to examine traffic volume and speed along Lochside Drive and to provide input on solutions that would help address traffic concerns.
- Option 1 includes 4 way stops along Lochside Drive and Option 2 includes southbound directional closure.
- Both options include speed humps along specific portions of Lochside Drive; a reduced road with near McMinn Park, a designated safe route to school that includes raised crosswalks, and entrance features at both the Mattick's Farm end and McMinn Park end.
- There are about 1200 vehicles a day along this route and about 1800 cyclists a day during weekends.
- The Lochside Drive Advisory Committee will be reviewing the options again before it goes to Council.

Committee discussion noted:

- Speed humps are not that effective, they just annoy drivers.
- A narrow island with a rumble surface would be effective.
- The idea is to convey that Lochside Drive is a special road and perhaps changing the paving materials or making it appear more like a lane and not a road would be a good idea.

**Moved by G. Wilson and Seconded by R. Trotter: "That the Planning and Transportation Advisory Committee supports Option 1 which calls for the installation of 4 way stop signs along Lochside Drive."**

**CARRIED**