The Corporation of the County of Peterborough

By-law No. 2019 - 73


Whereas Section 123(2) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch.8 provides that the municipality or other authority having jurisdiction over a bridge may by by-law limit the gross vehicle weight of any vehicle or any class thereof passing over the bridge, and the requirements of subsection (1) with respect to the posting up of notice apply thereto;

And Whereas Section 20(1) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws in respect of a highway under its jurisdiction;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of February 19, 2014, County Council passed By-law No. 2014-19, being a by-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over a bridge (Reed Bridge) (Load Limits on Bridges By-law) and to repeal By-law No. 2013-26;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of June 25, 2014, County Council passed By-law No. 2014-58, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-19;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of December 16, 2015, County Council passed By-law No. 2015-79, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2014-58;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of January 4, 2017, County Council passed By-law No. 2017-03, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2015-79;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of August 2, 2017, County Council passed By-law No. 2017-53, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2017-03;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of December 6, 2017, County Council passed By-law No. 2017-91, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2017-53

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of May 16th, 2018 County Council passed By-law No. 2018-38, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2017-91;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of January 3rd, 2019 County Council passed By-law No. 2019-03, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2018-38;

And Whereas at the County Council Meeting of August 28, 2019, County Council accepted the recommendation of the Director, Infrastructure Services contained in the Manager, Engineering & Designs’ report “INF 2019-21 A By-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over a bridge (Load Limits on Bridges By-law) and to repeal By-law B2019-03” wherein he recommended:
“Whereas inspections of County structures have demonstrated the need to maintain/establish load restrictions for vehicles passing over certain bridges to be regulated through the endorsement of a County By-law necessary to limit the gross vehicle weight of any vehicle passing over a bridge;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council direct the Clerk to prepare a By-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over a bridge to that effect and repeal By-law 2019-03 and that the Clerk be directed to notify the Ontario Provincial Police, School Boards and affected agencies.”;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the County of Peterborough in Session duly assembled enacts as follows, that:

1. No vehicle or combination of vehicles or any class thereof, whether empty or loaded shall be operated over the bridges shown in column 1, with a weight in excess as shown in column 3, set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming an integral part of this By-law.

2. Any person violating the provisions of this by-law shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 125 of the Highway Traffic Act.

3. This By-law shall become effective when a notice of the limit of weight permitted or lane restriction designated, legibly printed has been posted in a conspicuous place at each end of the bridge(s).


5. This By-law shall be commonly called the “Load Limits on Bridges” By-law.

Read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 28th day of August, 2019.

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J. Murray Jones Warden

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Kari Stevenson Deputy Clerk