



# CONSOLIDATED TOWN OF RENFREW TRAFFIC BY-LAW 54-2014

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A by-law to regulate and govern traffic and the use of highways  
in the Town of Renfrew.

*PASSED SEPTEMBER 22, 2014*

## **AMENDMENTS**

DATE	AMENDING BY-LAW	AMENDMENT(S)
June 27, 2017	By-Law 42-2017	replaced with a new Schedule "A" specifically adding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The erection of two additional stop signs at the intersection of Renfrew Avenue East and Plaunt Street South;</li><li>• The erection of a stop sign at the intersection of Health Village Lane and Stewart Street;</li><li>• The erection of a stop sign at the intersection of Health Village Lane and Albert Street;</li><li>• The erection of a stop sign at the intersection of Booth Road and Innovation Drive; and</li><li>• The erection of a stop sign at the intersection of Booth Road and Mask Road.</li></ul>
November 27, 2018	By-Law 79-2018	replaced with a new Schedule "A" specifically adding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The reduction of speed limit on Barr Street, between Veterans' Memorial Boulevard and Hall Avenue, from 50 km/hr. to 40 km/hr.</li></ul>

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW  
BY-LAW No. 54-2014

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Being a by-law to regulate and govern traffic and  
use of highways in the Town of Renfrew  
and to repeal By-Law 21-90.

**WHEREAS** section 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes municipalities to enact by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of “*Highways, including parking and traffic on highways*”, in conjunction with the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act*.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

**1. DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this by-law:

- 1.1 “**Authorized Sign**” means any sign or highway, curb or sidewalk marking or other device placed or erected on a highway under the authority of this by-law for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.
- 1.2 “**By-Law Enforcement Officer**” means a person(s) appointed or contracted by Renfrew Council to enforce the provisions of this by-law.
- 1.3 “**Clerk**” means the person appointed to the position of Clerk and his/her designate.
- 1.4 “**Community Safety Zone**” means a highway designated in this by-law on which public safety is of special concern.
- 1.5 “**Council**” means the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.
- 1.6 “**Courtesy Crossing**” means part of a highway at an intersection that is included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the highway or any portion of a highway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs or by other markings on the surface of the road.
- 1.7 “**Director**” means the Director of the Development and Works Department.
- 1.8 “**Driveway**” means a part of the highway improved to provide vehicular access from the highway to a laneway or a parking area on adjacent land.
- 1.9 “**Emergency Personnel**” means Police, Fire, Paramedic employees.
- 1.10 “**Emergency Vehicles**” means Police, Fire or Paramedic vehicles.
- 1.11 “**Employee**” means the employee(s) of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.
- 1.12 “**Gross Weight**” means the combined weight of a vehicle and its load.
- 1.13 “**Heavy Truck**” means a vehicle having a carrying capacity in excess of one tonne and any vehicle having a gross weight in excess of three tonnes, but does not include buses, ambulances, Fire and Police vehicles or vehicles operated by the Town.
- 1.14 “**Highway**” means the entire right-of-way of a common and public highway, including the shoulder, boulevard, curb and sidewalk of a street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct, or trestle designed and intended for, or used by, the general public for the passage of vehicles.
- 1.15 “**Intersection**” means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines. If none, then of the lateral boundary lines of two or more highways which join one another at an angle, whether or not one highway crosses the other.
- 1.16 “**Motor Vehicle**” includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle and any motorized conveyance unless otherwise indicated in *The Highway Traffic Act* and any other vehicle propelled or driven by means other than muscular power.
- 1.17 “**Official Sign**” means a sign approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications of Ontario.

- 1.18 **“One-Way Highway”** means a highway upon which the movement of the vehicular traffic is limited to one direction.
- 1.19 **“One-Way Traffic”** means movement by traffic upon a highway in one direction only.
- 1.20 **“Pedestrian”** means a person on foot, or a person in a wheeled chair, baby carriage or play vehicle.
- 1.21 **“Police Officer”** means a member of the Ontario Provincial Police.
- 1.22 **“Sidewalk”** means and includes all such parts of a highway that are set aside by the municipality, for the use of pedestrians or used by the general public for the passage of pedestrians.
- 1.23 **“Stop” or “Stopping”** means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.
- 1.24 **“Town”** means the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.
- 1.25 **“Traffic”** means pedestrians, animals which are ridden, led or herded, vehicles and other conveyances either singly or together while using a highway for the purposes of travel.
- 1.26 **“Traffic Control Device”** means any sign, signal or other highway, curb, or sidewalk marking or any other device erected or placed under the authority of this By-Law for the purpose of warning, regulating, guiding or directing traffic.
- 1.27 **“Traffic Control Signal”** means any device operated manually, electrically, mechanically or electronically for the regulation or control of traffic.
- 1.28 **“Trailer”** means a vehicle that is at any time drawn upon a highway by a motor vehicle, except an implement of husbandry, a mobile home, another motor vehicle, or any device or apparatus not designed to transport person or property, temporarily drawn, propelled or moved upon such highway, and except a side car attached to a motorcycle and shall be considered a separate vehicle and not part of the motor vehicle by which it is drawn.
- 1.29 **“Through Highway”** means any highway or part of a highway so designated by this By-Law.
- 1.30 **“U-Turn”** means the turning of a vehicle within the highway so as to proceed in the opposite direction to that in which the vehicle was travelling immediately prior to making the turn.
- 1.31 Except as otherwise provided in the above definitions, the words and terms used in this by-law have the same meaning as the words and terms used in the *Highway Traffic Act*.

## 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

### ADMINISTRATION

In accordance with the requirements of subsection 144(31) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, Town Council approval is required prior to the erection or installation of any new traffic control signal system or traffic control signal used in conjunction with a traffic control signal system that has been authorized.

The Clerk and his/her designate are responsible for the administration of this by-law, the Development and Works Department is responsible for the installation and maintenance of signs that have been authorized.

This by-law applies to every highway over which the Town of Renfrew has jurisdiction or, in the case of a boundary highway, joint jurisdiction.

- 2.1 This by-law does not apply to a provincial highway or to a private road.

### All-Way Stop Signs

- 2.2 The intersections of the highways described in Schedule “A” are designated as all-way stop intersections, and the installation of stop signs is authorized on each of the corners at these designated intersections.

## **Community Safety Zones**

2.3 The highways described in Schedule "A" are designated as community safety zones.

2.4 The designated community safety zones described in Schedule "A" are in effect for twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven days per week, from January 1 to December 31 in each calendar year.

2.5 Speed fines are doubled in community safety zones.

## **Compulsory Turns**

2.6 Every person shall turn accordingly, when authorized signs have been posted by either directional signs on the Traffic Signals or painted signs on the roadways, indicating the direction that the lane must travel.

## **Courtesy Crossing**

2.6 No person shall drive through an approved crossing area, when a pedestrian is waiting to cross, unless it is unsafe to stop.

2.7 No person shall walk in a crossing area when vehicles are approaching unless vehicles on both sides of the crossing have stopped to allow pedestrian traffic.

## **Funeral Processions**

2.8 No person shall, except under the direction of a police officer or an employee, drive or operate a vehicle on a highway between vehicles comprising of a funeral cortege or other procession recognizable as such by the display of pennants or other identifying insignia while the vehicles in such procession are in motion.

2.9 No person shall drive a vehicle in a funeral cortege or other procession on a highway except as near to the right hand edge of the highway as practicable and follow the vehicle ahead as close as is practicable and safe.

## **Heavy Traffic Restrictions**

2.10 No person shall drive or operate a commercial motor vehicle or another type of vehicle or equipment on any designated highway whose weight when unloaded is one tonne or more, or whose gross weight, is three tonnes or more.

2.11 The Town is authorized to issue permits for the temporary use of highways that are designated as restricted to heavy vehicles.

2.12 The Town is hereby authorized to grant or refuse permits for moving of heavy vehicles, loads, objects or structures.

2.13 The Town is hereby authorized, from time to time, to place seasonal road restrictions for heavy vehicles on any highway in the Town of Renfrew.

## **Multiple-Lane Highways**

2.14 Having two or more lanes of traffic, slower traffic to travel in the right lane in the same direction and passing of vehicles in the left lane in the same direction; left lane to exit left turns, right lane to exit right turns.

## **One-Way Traffic**

2.15 Where a highway has been designated for the use of one-way traffic only and official signs have been erected accordingly, vehicles shall be driven only in the direction so designated

## **Parades and Special Events**

2.16 Organizers of parades and special events that will take place on any Town of Renfrew highways are required to write a letter to Renfrew Council requesting permission.

## **Road Signs and Markings**

2.17 Police Officers and/or employees may erect, place and maintain such authorized signs or barricades as required for special circumstances.

2.18 No person shall deface, damage or interfere with any authorized Town of Renfrew traffic signs, traffic signals or traffic barricades.

## **Speed Limits**

2.19 When any highway set out in Schedule "A" to this By-Law, is marked with authorized signs the maximum and decreased rates of speed on such highways or part of highways shall be the rate of speed displayed on authorized signs.

## **Through Highways**

2.20 The highways described in Schedule "A" are designated as through highways.

## **Traffic Control Signals**

2.21 The installation of traffic control signals is authorized on highways at the intersections and locations described in Schedule "A" to this By-Law.

2.22 No person driving or operating a vehicle approaching an intersection with a traffic control signal showing a circular green or green arrow indication shall enter the intersection unless traffic in front of him or her is moving in a manner that would reasonably lead him or her to believe she or she can clear the intersection before the signal indication changes to a circular red indication.

## **Yield Right-of-Way Signs**

2.23 The installation of yield right-of-way signs is authorized at the intersections of the highways described in Schedule "A", with the authorized yield right-of-way signs.

## **3. EXCEPTIONS**

3.1 Emergency Personnel and Town of Renfrew employees, including By-Law Officers appointed by Renfrew Council, may during an emergency or special circumstance, by the erection of appropriate signs, signals, or use of personnel prohibit or regulate the movement of vehicles on any highway or part of a highway in the Town of Renfrew.

## **4. CONFLICTS**

4.1 That By-Law No. 21-90 and all amendments are hereby repealed in their entirety.

4.2 If any provision of this by-law conflicts with an Act, Regulation or other Town of Renfrew By-Law, the provision that is most restrictive shall apply.

**5. VALIDITY**

5.1 Should any section, subsection, clause, paragraph or provision of this By-Law be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or illegal for any other reason, such offending section or part shall be deemed to have been severed from this By-Law and the remaining sections or parts shall continue in full force and effect and shall remain valid and binding.

**6. ENFORCEMENT**

6.1 The provisions of this by-law shall be enforced by any Provincial Offences Officers, and/or By-Law Enforcement Officers appointed by Council.

**7. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

7.1 Any person who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine as provided in the Provincial Offences Act or the Highway Traffic Act and to any other applicable penalties.

7.2 If this by-law is contravened and a conviction entered, the court in which the conviction has been entered and any court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may, in addition to any other remedy and to any penalty that is imposed, make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted.

**8. ENACTMENT**

8.1 This By-Law shall come into force and take effect from the date of its final passing.

Read a first and second time this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

Read a third time and finally passed this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

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Bill Ringrose, Mayor

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Kim R. Bulmer, Clerk

# SCHEDULE "A" MAP FOR BY-LAW 54-2014

