

October 29, 2009

Dear Stakeholder:

Subject: **Stakeholder Consultations on School and Playground Zone Signage and Time Changes**

Alberta Transportation is proposing to initiate changes to the *Use of the Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation regarding School and Playground Zones*. The proposed changes would standardize the start and end times for school and playground zones and increase safety across the province by providing consistency for motorists, parents and children.

As part of this work, Alberta Transportation will begin stakeholder consultations in November and December with parent school councils, school boards, municipalities and police forces. Attached is a schedule of the stakeholder consultation locations and dates.

The consultations will present the following proposed changes:

- School zones on school days would be 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the *Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation*. Currently school zones have three start and end times on school days (8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
- Playground zones on all days would be 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the *Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation*. Playground zones are currently in effect daily from 8:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset.
- Road authorities, including Alberta Transportation and municipalities, would adopt the national standards for signage of school and playground zones and areas in Alberta.
- There are no proposed changes to the speed limit in school and playground zones. The speed limit will remain at 30 kilometres per hour.

Alberta Transportation has retained Opus International Consultants (Canada) Limited to coordinate the stakeholder consultation, providing a transparent, objective and independent analysis of the feedback received. The consultation session will begin with a formal presentation that will provide background information, including the goals of the proposed changes. Following the presentations, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

For those who cannot attend the presentation, or for those who wish to provide additional input, they are invited to provide feedback at trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca. Deadline for submissions will be December 11, 2009.

A copy of the final report detailing the results of the consultation feedback collected from the sessions and from submissions will be forwarded to you (or the parent body if that was the initiating source of our contact).

Sincerely,

Vince Paniak
Director, Driver Programs and Licensing Standards

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SCHOOL/PLAYGROUND ZONE – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	BUILDING & ADDRESS
November 12	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Lethbridge, AB	Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre 320 Scenic Drive
November 13	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Best Western Inn Medicine Hat 722 Redcliff Drive SW
November 23	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Grande Prairie	Best Western Hotel 10745 – 117 Avenue
November 24	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fort McMurray	Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre 530 MacKenzie Boulevard
November 25	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Cold Lake	Lakeland Inn 5411 – 55 Street, Hwy 28
November 30	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Red Deer	Holiday Inn 67 Street 6500 – 67 Street
December 1	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Edson	Best Western 300 – 52 Street
December 2	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Edmonton	Polish Hall 10960 – 104 Street
December 3	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Calgary	Water Centre 625 – 25 Avenue SE Bow River Rooms 1 & 2
December 4	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Calgary	Water Centre 625 – 25 Avenue SE Bow River Rooms 1 & 2