

## Speed Reduction will Precede Safety Improvements to the Hwy 13 & Hwy 814 Intersection

September 10, 2019

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – A speed reduction is planned for the portion of Highway 13 running along the north boundary of Wetaskiwin as part of the overall safety improvements slated for the Highway 13 and Highway 814 intersection.

Once final approval for the speed reduction is granted by the province of Alberta—expected by mid-September—the posted speed along Highway 13 from 36 Street to Highway 2A, as well as Highway 2A south from Highway 13 to Centennial Drive, will be lowered to 60 km/hour. A map has been attached below illustrating where the speed reduction will occur.

“Lowering the posted speed limit is an important part of improving the safety of this intersection,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “Slowing down traffic will give drivers more time to react if needed as we await the project tender to be issued and construction to begin.”

At their regular September 9, 2019 meeting, Wetaskiwin City Council reallocated \$327,000 for the construction of improvement Option 3, as outlined in the intersection analysis document prepared by McElhanney Ltd. The Province has agreed to cost-sharing 25 percent of the project, subject to identifying available dollars in their budget. Project updates will be posted on the City’s website at [www.wetaskiwin.ca](http://www.wetaskiwin.ca).

### About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample greenspace and parks, quality recreation opportunities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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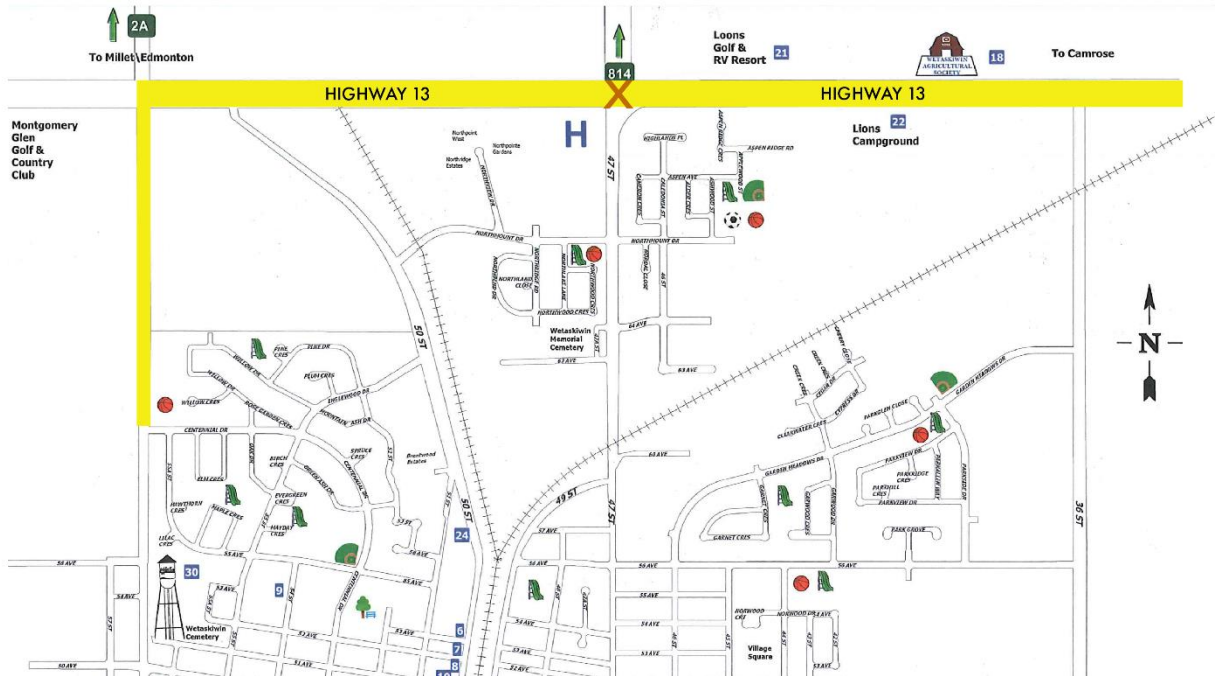
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**Backgrounder:**

- A 60 km/hour speed limit will take effect along a portion of Highway 13 and Highway 2A/56 Street (highlighted below in yellow) once final approval is received by the Province of Alberta.



- The intersection analysis report—conducted by McElhanney Ltd.—was presented to Wetaskiwin City Council at their regular August 19, 2019 meeting. [Four feasible improvement options were included in the report.](#) City Council preferred Option 3 (see below).

