



County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Municipal Policy

Department: 32.1 Public Works
Policy No. 32.1.7
Title Playground and Children Playing Warning and Cautionary Signs

1. Policy Statement:

1.1. The County of Wetaskiwin shall provide and allow the implementation of Warning and Cautionary signs advising motorists of the need to reduce speed or proceed with caution when children or facilities for children are in the immediate area. All signs are to be installed by County of Wetaskiwin Public Works.

2. Definitions:

2.1. **"PLAYGROUND"** Warning signs are enforceable with respect to maximum speed rates and shall only be erected and enforced when included within the Traffic Control Device and Speed Rate Bylaws and the Traffic Safety Act. Typical areas where "PLAYGROUND" signs may be installed include:

2.1.1. All established and approved playgrounds situated adjacent to a County road; and

2.1.2. New and approved playgrounds situated adjacent to a County road.

2.2. **"CHILDREN PLAYING"** Cautionary signs shall be erected upon request by County residents. These are cautionary signs and do not regulate a speed zone reduction, therefore they are not enforceable under any traffic control bylaw. Typical situations where "CHILDREN PLAYING" signs may be installed include:

2.2.1. Roads within Hamlets;

2.2.2. High density subdivisions;

2.2.3. Yard sites which are generally located on opposite sides of the road (e.g. each site has occupied residences, or an individual has a split yard set up);
or

2.2.4. Any roadway in which a family deems their children unsafe due to their residential proximity, road conditions, traffic speeds and traffic volume.

3. Guidelines:

3.1. **"PLAYGROUND"** Warning Sign

3.1.1. Shall only be installed following amendments to the Traffic Control Device and Speed Rate Bylaws. Signs shall be erected at the beginning and end of the controlled zone and visible to the direction of traffic.

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3.1.2. Costs for new sign installations will be borne by the Agency requesting the signs or by the Developer (if part of a development agreement). Once in place, the signs are the property of the County of Wetaskiwin and their ongoing maintenance and care are the responsibility of the County.

3.2. "CHILDREN PLAYING" Cautionary Sign

3.2.1. Families residing within the County can request "CHILDREN PLAYING" cautionary signs for installation along a County road and within public right-of-way. The applicant shall contact the County office and complete an application form that includes the applicant's name, address, preferred location of the signs and confirmation of payment. The County office will generate a Work Order and assign to Public Works for installation. Prior to placement, the location of the signs will be verified in the field by the applicant and Public Works staff. Once in place, the signs are the property of the County of Wetaskiwin and their ongoing maintenance and care are the responsibility of the County.

3.2.2. Payment for the supply and installation of the signs shall be borne by the applicant requesting the "CHILDREN PLAYING" cautionary sign. The total cost of the sign installation includes supply of the sign(s) and post(s), labour and equipment charges; all of which, shall be included in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

3.2.3. The applicant shall provide information with respect to the expected duration of the signs which can span several years. During this period, the signs will be maintained by the County. Once it has been determined that the signs are no longer needed (i.e. children have grown up, or the family has moved), and upon request from the applicant, the signs shall be removed by the County at no cost to the applicant. The signs and posts are the property of the County and once removed, shall be placed in inventory for possible reuse.

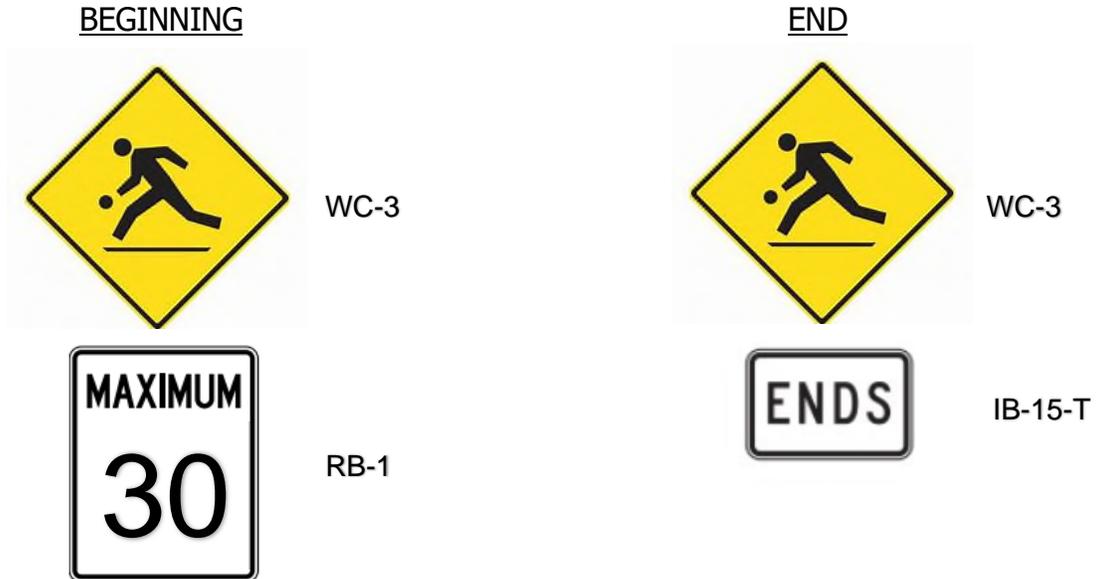
3.2.4. The County shall place all "CHILDREN PLAYING" cautionary signs and installation detail in its Asset Management System database and Geographic Information System (GIS) and monitored on a periodic basis to determine ongoing necessity. Signs deemed unnecessary or considered abandoned, shall be removed by Public Works.

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Schedule "A"
"PLAYGROUND" Warning Sign

1. Warning signs denoting the beginning and end of a designated playground shall conform to the following specifications:



WC-3 Playground Ahead	RB-1 Maximum 30 km/h	IB-15-T Ends
Dimensions: 60 x 60 cm	Dimensions: 60 x 75 cm	Dimensions: 60 x 30 cm
Area (m ²): 0.36 m ²	Area (m ²): 0.45 m ²	Area (m ²): 0.18 m ²
Background: High Intensity Yellow	Background: High Intensity White	Background: High Intensity White
Message: Black	Message: Black	Message: Black
Material: Aluminum	Material: Aluminum	Material: Aluminum
Post: steel U-channel	Post: attach at base of WC-3	Post: attach at base of WC-3

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Schedule "B"
"CHILDREN PLAYING" Cautionary Sign

1. Caution signs for "CHILDREN PLAYING" shall conform to the following specifications:

CCP – Caution Children Playing
Dimensions: 60 x 60 cm
Area (m ²): 0.36 m ²
Background: High Intensity Yellow
Message: Black
Material: Aluminum
Post: steel U-channel



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