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School Zones Priority for Peterborough Police as Buses, Cyclists Return

Peterborough County residents can expect increased enforcement of traffic laws in school zones.

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In partnership with Peterborough County and Township of Cavan Monaghan, Peterborough Police Services will be increasing traffic enforcement in school zones this fall. Drivers are reminded to take extra precautions as school buses return to the roads. This includes slowing down in school zones, planning to leave early, giving at least one metre's clearance to cyclists, and stopping for school buses.

Peterborough Police Services would like to remind motorists of the following:

- 1) You must stop for stopped school buses with lights flashing.
- 2) Speeding in a school zone can result in fines and demerit points.
- 3) Crossing guards have the right to stop traffic at crosswalks – abide by their direction.
- 4) Distracted driving can cost you up to \$3000 in fines, 6 demerit points and a 30-day license suspension.

To keep school children safe, Peterborough Police will be monitoring and issuing tickets as required for offences in school zones and/or community safety zones.

Members of the media are kindly invited to join us at North Cavan Public School on Wednesday, August 31st at 10 am for comments and questions.

The Safe School Zones campaign is funded by Peterborough County's Active Transportation Master Plan. For more information, visit: <https://www.ptbocounty.ca/en/living/active-transportation-master-plan.aspx>



Quotes

Peterborough Police remind motorists that back to school time is an exciting time for children and we want to ensure it's also a safe time. Please be aware of school zones, buses on our roads, and students walking and cycling to school. Together we can ensure everyone has a safe and memorable back to school experience.

- Acting Chief Tim Farquharson, Peterborough Police Services

Children are the future of Peterborough County, and it is important to keep them in mind when commuting this fall. Knowing that school buses are back on the roads, be sure to plan ahead for your commute – leave early, slow down, give cyclists room, and stop for buses. Our Police Services will be paying extra attention to school zones this fall. Let's keep kids safe!

- J. Murray Jones, Warden, Peterborough County

It is easy to become distracted with the day-to-day demands of our time. When travelling in your car this fall please stay focused particularly in our school zones and around school buses. Distracted driving can cost lives.

- Scott McFadden, Mayor, Township of Cavan Monaghan

Quick facts

- September is a dangerous month for pedestrians, with more fatalities occurring during this month than any other. (Transport Canada, 2017)
- Top 3 unsafe motorist behaviours seen in Canadian school zones are speeding, illegal parking/stopping and distracted driving. (CAA polling, 2019)
- 1 of 4 Nearly a quarter of drivers report witnessing a near miss or collision in a school zone, more than half of which involved a child. (CAA polling, 2019)

Associated Links

- [Peterborough County](#)
- [Peterborough Police](#)
- [Township of Cavan Monaghan](#)

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About Peterborough County

Peterborough County is located on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg and is home to Curve Lake & Hiawatha First Nations communities.

Peterborough County is an upper tier municipality representing eight local municipalities and serving a population of approximately 64,000 residents plus a large seasonal population

The mandate of Peterborough County is to provide regional public services which includes promoting regional economic development and tourism opportunities, land use planning and development, transportation systems, solid waste management, public health, social services and emergency medical services (land ambulance).

About Peterborough Police Services

Our mission is to promote the safety of citizens and the protection of property through an appropriate balance of law enforcement and problem solving and crime prevention initiatives. This is based on a philosophy of community policing that involves working in partnership with citizens and community stakeholders.

The Peterborough Police Service policing area includes the City of Peterborough, the Village of Lakefield and the Township of Cavan-Monaghan.

Core Values displayed by members are empathy and fairness, impartiality and transparency, respect and civility, courage and leadership.

About Township of Cavan Monaghan

The Township of Cavan Monaghan is a small rural community with a big city heart. Our charming community is conveniently located just 20 km south west of the City of Peterborough, in Peterborough County and only 90 minutes north east of the City of Toronto. Residents enjoy the sense of community that is so prevalent in small towns while still having quick and convenient access to the larger urban centres. Whether you are raising a family or retiring from the hustle and bustle of working life, the Township of Cavan Monaghan has it all, right here.