



**Dynamic Speed Display Sign Policy  
D-0410-18**

Effective Date:  
February 25, 2026

**Part 1 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to develop a procedure for the placement of Dynamic Speed Display Signs within the Municipality of Yarmouth.

**Part 2 Definitions**

- 2.1 **“Community Group”** means an incorporated not-for-profit organization, duly registered with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks; a group of residents in a particular area.
- 2.2 **“Dynamic Speed Display Sign (DSDS)”** means a portable or permanent radar activated sign that instantaneously displays speeds of approaching vehicles. This device is also used to obtain traffic volumes;
- 2.3 **“Individual”** means a person acting alone and not associated with a *community group*
- 2.4 **“MODY”** means the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth;
- 2.5 **“NSPW”** means Nova Scotia Department of Public Works;
- 2.6 **“Traffic Calming”** means the installation of a safety solution such as a radar sign to slow or reduce traffic in order to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

**Part 3 Use of Dynamic Speed Display Sign (DSDS)**

- 3.1 The purpose of traffic calming is to make neighborhoods safer, more pleasant, and more livable. Reducing the speed of traffic to acceptable levels helps to achieve these goals. Traffic calming reduces the chance of accidents, collisions, and noise;
- 3.2 the DSDS can also be used for data collection of traffic patterns for the Municipality of Yarmouth for its present and future infrastructure needs and assessments;
- 3.3 the DSDS is not meant to be stationary;
- 3.4 the DSDS is for information purposes only and does not issue speeding tickets;
- 3.5 traffic calming data will only be collected on NSPW rural routes or local roads and municipally owned road, no private roads or 100 series highways.



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**Part 4 Procedure**

4.1 Annual Program

- 4.1.1 Each year the CAO will develop an annual program, outlining locations and schedule for the use of the sign;
- 4.1.2 The program will be informed by: consultations with the RCMP, Municipal Council, Municipal strategies and programs requiring data;
- 4.1.3 The program will run April 1 – November 30 annually;
- 4.1.4 Applications may be submitted by *community groups* or *individuals* (Appendix A)

4.2 Criteria

- 4.2.1 The following criteria will be used to determine the urgency of the DSDS use:
  - 4.2.1.1 is speeding proven to have occurred or is occurring in this area above the posted limit as set out by NSPW or the traffic authority?
  - 4.2.1.2 is the placement due to a safety concern and if so, what safety factor is prevalent – the presence of children, seniors, people with disabilities, cyclists, etc.?
  - 4.2.1.3 have there been any accidents or deaths at this location due to speeding?
  - 4.2.1.4 has the DSDS been in this location during the past 6 months?
- 4.2.2 is the placement required by MODY for data collection? MODY's need to place the sign for data collection will take priority over the other applications.

4.3 Placement:

- 4.3.1 the DSDS will be installed and removed by MODY Public Works Department;
- 4.3.2 the DSDS may be installed at a particular location for a maximum of two weeks (fourteen (14) days);
- 4.3.3 typically, there must be a minimum lapse of six (6) months prior to reinstalling the DSDS at the same location; this may be waived at the discretion of the CAO or Council;
- 4.3.4 placement will be in a location that maintains sight lines at intersections, that does not interfere with traffic on the roadway or with bicycles and pedestrians, and there is no other information competing for the driver's attention, e.g.


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warning devices upstream of a sharp curve.

<b>Chief Administrative Officer's Annotation for Official Policy Book</b>	
Date of Notice to Council members of Intent to Consider (7 days Min)	February 18, 2026
Date of Passage of current Policy	February 25, 2026
I certify that this Dynamic Speed Display Sign Policy D-0410-18 was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
	
Chief Administrative Officer	<u>March 6, 2026</u> Date

**Date last reviewed by Council: February 25, 2026**  
**Date last amended: February 25, 2026**

**Amendment Log**

Date	Amendment Description
September 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part 2 Definitions – added “Community Group” and “Individual” definitions.</li> <li>Added Section 4.1.3</li> <li>Section 4.3.3 – added this may be waived at the discretion of the CAO or Council;</li> <li>Flow Chart – added step 2 and step 4.</li> </ul>
February 25, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 4.1.3 – added “The program will run April 1 – November 30 annually;”</li> <li>Section 4.1.4 – added “Applications may be submitted by community groups or individuals (Appendix A)”</li> <li>Removed Part 5 DSDS Inspection</li> </ul>





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**Appendix B**

**Flow Chart Process**

