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The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Public Works dated March 30, 2026, and pursuant to Section 80 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*, is pleased, effective on and after October 19, 2026, to:

(a) make regulations respecting the powers and duties of peace officers in the form set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation; and

(b) make regulations respecting the powers and duties of traffic authorities in the form set forth in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of the Report and Recommendation.

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**Tracey Taweel
Clerk of the Executive Council**



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Schedule “B”

Regulations Respecting the Powers and Duties of Traffic Authorities made by the Governor in Council under Section 80 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2025, the *Traffic Safety Act*

Interpretation

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Powers and Duties of Traffic Authorities Regulations*.

2 Definitions

In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Traffic Safety Act*.

School Areas

3 Interpretation for Sections 3 to 6

(1) In this Section and Sections 4 to 6,

“school area” means a portion of a highway within a traffic authority’s jurisdiction that the traffic authority has designated as a school area.

(2) In this Section and Sections 4 to 6, a reference to an official traffic sign by its name or by an identifier made up of numerals and letters is a reference to the official traffic sign as designated by the *Traffic Control Devices Regulations* made under the Act.

4 Designating school area

A traffic authority may designate a school area by placing official traffic signs as required by Section 5.

5 Placement of school area traffic signs

- (1)** Both of the following official traffic signs must be placed at the beginning of a school area:
 - (a) a WC-1 “school area” sign to notify drivers of the reduced speed limit in the school area;
 - (b) the official traffic sign required by Section 6.
- (2)** Official traffic signs must be placed in 1 of the following configurations at the end of a school area:
 - (a) an R-102 “end school area” sign followed by an RB-1 “maximum speed” sign to notify drivers of the speed limit in effect immediately after the school area;
 - (b) an R-102T “end school area” tab sign placed below an RB-1 “maximum speed” sign to notify drivers of the speed limit in effect immediately after the school area.

6 Speed limit reduced in school area

- (1)** Except as provided in subsection (2), the speed limit to be set by a traffic authority for a school area must be reduced based on the speed limit in effect immediately before the start of the school area, as follows:
 - (a) to 30 km/h, if the speed limit in effect immediately before the start of the school area is 50 km/h or less, by placing an R-103T “school area maximum speed 30” tab sign below the sign required by clause 5(1)(a);
 - (b) to 50 km/h, if the speed limit in effect immediately before the start of the school area is more than 50 km/h, by placing an R-104T “school area maximum speed 50” tab sign below the sign required by clause 5(1)(a).
- (2)** Subsection (1) does not apply if the speed limit in effect immediately before the start of the school area is 30 km/h or less.

Winter Parking Orders

7 Order restricting winter parking

- (1)** In this Section and Sections 8 to 10,

“winter parking order” means an order to prohibit or restrict the parking of vehicles on a highway during the winter.
- (2)** A traffic authority that makes a winter parking order must do so in accordance with this Section and Section 8.

- (3) A winter parking order is effective only during the period that is
 - (a) specified in the order; and
 - (b) between November 15 in any year and April 15 in the following year, inclusive.

8 Publishing and forwarding order

- (1) Before the effective date specified in a winter parking order, the traffic authority must do both of the following:
 - (a) publish a notice of the order that sets out the dates, times, restrictions and prohibitions in the order;
 - (b) for an order made by a traffic authority other than the Provincial Traffic Authority, forward the order to the Provincial Traffic Authority.
- (2) The requirement under clause (1)(a) to publish a notice of a winter parking order may be fulfilled by publishing the notice in a prominent manner on the highway owner's public website.
- (3) A winter parking order is not invalid by reason only that it is not published or forwarded as required by subsection (1), but failure to publish notice of an order is a defence to a charge for failing to obey the order.

9 Minister may cancel order

A winter parking order may be cancelled at any time by the Minister.

10 Compliance with order

- (1) A person must not park in contravention of a winter parking order.
- (2) A winter parking order is not a regulation within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*.