

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG
BY-LAW #2024 – 012

**BEING a By-law to designate Reduced Load
Periods on certain Municipal Highways or
Portions thereof within the Township of Strong**

WHEREAS Part II, Section 11 (1), Item 1, of the Municipal Act, 2001 SO 2001 C 25 as amended, provides that a single-tier municipality may pass by-law respecting highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

AND WHEREAS Section 425 of the Municipal Act, 2001, SO 2001 c 25 as amended, provides that any person who contravenes any by-law of the municipality, passed under this Act, is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 7 of Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c H8, as amended provides that the municipality or other authority having jurisdiction over a highway may by by-law designate the date on which a reduced load period shall start or end and the highway or portion thereof under its jurisdiction to which the designation applies;

AND WHEREAS Section 125, of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c H8, as amended provides the offence and penalty for any contravention of a by-law made under Section 122 (1) (2) or (3);

AND WHEREAS the reduced load period is deemed necessary for the protection and preservation of the road infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the Township of Strong;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STRONG HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Short Title**
This by-law may be referred to as “the Reduced Load By-law”
2. **Designation of Reduced Load Periods within the Municipality of the Township of Strong**
 - 2.1 That the Municipal Operations Coordinator, or designate, for the Corporation of the Township of Strong shall be and is hereby authorize to establish reduced load periods as necessary to protect the highway infrastructure. Determining criteria for the reduced load period or periods as conditions warrant, shall include but not be limited to the adequacy of the road base to withstand fully loaded vehicles, the adequacy and safety of the road surface to withstand fully loaded vehicles and the prevailing and forecast climatic conditions.
 - 2.2 That all highways within the Township of Strong over which the Corporation of the Township of Strong has jurisdiction are hereby designated as being subject to reduced load periods save and except the highways, or parts thereof, specified in Schedule ‘A’ and attached hereto.
 - 2.3 Subject to Highway Traffic Act Section 110, during the reduced load period no commercial motor vehicle or trailer, other than a public vehicle or a vehicle referred to in subsection (2) shall be operated or drawn upon any designated highway where the weight upon an axle exceeds 5,000 kilograms RSO 1990 c H8, 122 (1)
 - 2.4 Subject to Highway Traffic Act Section 110, during a reduced load period:
 - a) no two axle truck, while used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel;
 - b) no two axle truck, while used exclusively for the transportation of livestock fee; and
 - c) no vehicle transporting live poultry, shall be operated upon any designated highway where the weight upon an axle exceeds 7500 kilograms. R.S.O. 1990, c H8, 122 (2)
 - 2.5 Subject to Highway Traffic Act Section 100, during a reduced load period no vehicle having a carrying capacity in excess of 1,000 kilograms, other than a motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated upon any designated highway where the weight upon any

millimetre in the width of a tire exceeds five kilogram, R.S.O. 1990 c H8 122 (3)

2.6 Subsections (1) and (3) do not apply to:

- a) vehicles operated by or on behalf of a municipality or other authority having jurisdiction and control of a highway, where the vehicles are engaged in highway maintenance, including the carriage and application of abrasives or chemicals to the highway, the stockpiling of abrasives or chemicals for use on a highway, or the removal of snow from a highway.
- b) Vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of milk
- c) Fire apparatus;
- d) Vehicles operated by or on behalf of a municipality transporting waste; or
- e) Public utility emergency vehicles. RSO 1990, c H8, 122 (4)

Note: Section 110, mentioned in Section 122 refers to permits to exceed dimension and weight limits (use of the Highway) which can be issued by the Municipality or the Ministry of Transport.

3. Letter of Exception

3.1 The Municipal Operations Coordinator, or designate, may issue a letter of exception granting relief from certain sections of this by-law

3.2 The Time period and the Exceptions shall be specified within the "Letter of Exception".

3.3 The Driver of a vehicle operating under the authority granted in a "Letter of Exception" shall produce the letter upon the demand of a police officer, a Ministry of Transport officer, a Conservation Officer or the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer.

4. Signs to be Erected.

4.1 That the Municipal Operations Coordinator, or designate, for the Corporation of the Township of Strong shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to obtain, install and maintain such signs as may be necessary to give effect to this By-law and to provide general notice to the public, through various means including the Township website, of the dates upon which reduced load are anticipated to be put into effect and lifted.

4.2 This the reduced load period shall be in effect commencing upon the date upon which signs stating "Regulated Limits in Effect" are displayed on such highways and ending upon the date upon which the foregoing signs are no longer on display.

5. Penalty

5.1 Any person who contravenes Section 2.1 of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as set out in Section 125 of the Highway Traffic Act, RSO 1990 c H8.

5.2 Any person who contravenes Section 3 (2), (3) and (4) of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, for each offence, exclusive of costs.

5.3 All such penalties shall be recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act.

6. Repeal

6.1 That By-law 2004-1482 is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY

2024

Original Copy Signed

Mayor Tim Bryson

Original Copy Signed

Clerk Administrator Caitlin Haggart

BY – LAW #2024-012

SCHEDULE “A”

**List of Reduced Load Roads when Signs have been
Erected**

Cheer Lake Road Parkes Lane
South Horn Lake Road
North Horn Lake Road
Muskoka Road
Hill Valley Rd
Hornibrook Rd
Albert St
Robins Road
Cottrell Rd
Adams Rd
Tower Rd
Peacock Rd
Joly Strong Boundary Rd
Forest Lake Rd
South Lake Bernard Rd
Brookside Rd
Bloomfield Rd
Pevensey Rd
Black Creek Rd
O'Brien Rd
Rodeo Road
Farmview Road
Maple Valley Road
Chapman Strong Boundary Road