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ATE Suspension in the Town of Edson

Edson, Alberta, December 4, 2024 – The Town of Edson has suspended the Automated Traffic Enforcement Program (ATE), effective immediately.

Following the recent announcement of upcoming new ATE regulations by the Provincial Government, The Town of Edson has moved forward with the cancellation of the ATE program in our community.

In an effort to help educate motorists to slow down, along with regular traffic enforcement, Council has directed that a letter be sent to the Province requesting permission to install permanent speed indicator signs at both entrances to the community, as well as the east-bound lane of the overpass. Current regulations only allow for the signs to be temporary.

The removal of ATE by the Provincial Government will undoubtedly increase the risk of serious collisions on Highway 16 through Edson but we respect their decision. If traffic safety is a priority, they will grant the Town of Edson approval forthwith to install permanent speed indicator signs which they have not allowed in the past. Motorists can expect to see more traditional traffic enforcement by Edson RCMP and Town of Edson Peace Officers along the highway and in school and construction zones.

-Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara

Traffic Safety remains a Town priority, and all efforts will be made to find capacity to continue proactive policing and patrols of our community, especially in playground zones throughout the school year. The highway corridor will also remain a focus as traffic statistics have shown it to be one of the areas with the highest speeds and most violations occurring.

Questions regarding the ATE program can be directed to the Town's Protective Services Department at 780-723-3178.

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