



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Shaver Avenue North - Speed Limit Amendment**

<b>Date:</b>	May 31, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
<b>Reference Number:</b>	eycc070078 - 5277

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to extend the south limit of the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue North, from Northhampton Drive to Bloor Street West.

Currently, the section of Shaver Avenue North between Burnhamthorpe Road and Northhampton Drive has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. The section of road between Northhampton Drive and Bloor Street West has a legal speed limit of 50 km/h. However, for regulatory continuity, a 40 km/h speed limit is recommended on Shaver Avenue North, on the entire section between Burnhamthorpe Road and Bloor Street West.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the existing 40 km/h speed limit regulation on Shaver Avenue North between Burnhamthorpe Road and Northhampton Drive; and
2. City Council approve a 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue North between Burnhamthorpe Road and Bloor Street West.

**Financial Impact**

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Peter Milczyn, on behalf of an area resident, to conduct speed studies on Shaver Avenue North on the existing 50 km/h portion between Northhampton Drive and Bloor Street West and to determine the feasibility of installing an all-way stop control along this section of road. This request was made as result of speed concerns on this stretch of Shaver Avenue North.

Staff conducted traffic counts at the intersection of Shaver Avenue North and Belgrove Drive which revealed that an all-way stop control is not warranted at this location. Staff was then requested to determine the need to extend the current 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue North to Bloor Street West. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

## **COMMENTS**

Shaver Avenue North is a two-lane local road located in the residential community north of Bloor Street West and west of Martin Grove Road. There is a sidewalk on the east side of the street.

The legal speed limit on Shaver Avenue North is 40 km/h between Burnhamthorpe Road and Northhampton Drive. This 40 km/h speed limit is justified given there is more than one curve on this portion of Shaver Avenue North. The section of Shaver Avenue North between Northhampton Drive and Bloor Street West currently has a legal speed limit of 50 km/h.

Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Bloor Street West and Shaver Avenue North/South. An all-way stop control is located at the intersection of Shaver Avenue North and Swan Avenue.

At the request of the area resident, a speed study was conducted on a weekend (December 9 and 10, 2006), in the area of Belgrove Drive. The study results revealed an operating or 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 56 km/h.

Given the low density residential character of the street and the fact that the north section of this continuous street is posted 40 km/h, staff is of the opinion that the continuity of the 40 km/h legal limit is appropriate for consistency of regulation, and for the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.

Staff recommends that the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue North, between Burnhamthorpe Road and Northhampton Drive, be extended southward to Bloor Street West.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Map