



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Ambleside Avenue - Speed Limit Amendment

Date:	May 31, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	eycc070083-to -- 5276

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to extend the east limit of the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Ambleside Avenue from Chartwell Road to Bentley Drive.

Currently, the section of Ambleside Avenue between Islington Avenue and Chartwell Road has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. The section of road between Chartwell Road and Bentley Drive has a legal speed limit of 50 km/h. However, for regulatory continuity, a 40 km/h speed limit is recommended on Ambleside Avenue, on the entire section between Islington Avenue and Bentley Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing 40 km/h speed limit regulation on Ambleside Avenue between Islington Avenue and Chartwell Road; and
2. City Council approve a 40 km/h speed limit on Ambleside Avenue between Islington Avenue and Bentley Drive.

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 determine the need to extend the current 40 km/h speed limit on Ambleside Avenue to Bentley Drive. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Ambleside Avenue is a two-lane local road located in the residential community north of The Queensway and east of Islington Avenue. The road extends east-west and curves 90 degrees to the south at its east limit where it joins Bentley Drive. There are sidewalks on both sides of the road.

The Children's Aid Society of Toronto is located in the immediate area at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Chartwell Road and Ambleside Avenue.

The posted speed limit on Ambleside Avenue is 40 km/h between Islington Avenue and Chartwell Road. The section of Ambleside Avenue between Chartwell Road and Bentley Drive currently has a 50 km/h speed limit. Bentley Drive is currently posted 40 km/h.

Given the low density residential character of the street; the fact that the street has a 90 degree bend at its juncture with Bentley Drive; and, the fact that only the middle section of this continuous road is posted 50 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.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map