



# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

## Murrie Street - Speed Limit Amendment

<b>Date:</b>	August 9, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc070120-to – AFS5645

### SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to introduce a 40 km/h speed limit on Murrie Street, from Dwight Avenue to Royal York Road.

Murrie Street, which currently has a speed limit of 50 km/h, is aligned with Birmingham Street at Dwight Avenue. Birmingham Street, between Dwight Avenue and Islington Avenue, has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. In order to have regulatory continuity in the area of Second Street School, a lower (40 km/h) speed limit is recommended on Murrie Street between Dwight Avenue and Royal York Road.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council approve a 40 km/h speed limit on Murrie Street between Dwight Avenue and Royal York Road.

#### 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 Mark Grimes, on behalf of an area resident, to conduct speed studies on Murrie Street. This request was made as result of speed concerns on this road. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

## **COMMENTS**

Murrie Street is a two-lane local road located in the residential community north of Lake Shore Boulevard West and west of Royal York Road. The pavement width is 7.2 metres. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street. Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Dwight Avenue and Birmingham Street/Murrie Street.

Second Street Elementary School is located at the south-west quadrant of the intersection of Dwight Avenue and Birmingham Street/Murrie Street. The legal speed limit on Murrie Street is currently 50 km/h. The legal speed limit on Birmingham Street between Dwight Avenue and Islington Avenue is 40 km/h. Speed studies conducted on Murrie Street revealed an operating or 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 52 km/h.

Given that Murrie Street is aligned with Birmingham Street at Dwight Avenue, and that Second Street Elementary School abuts Birmingham Street, a 40 km/h speed limit is recommended on Murrie Street, between Dwight Avenue and Royal York Road, for regulatory continuity. The proposed 40 km/h speed limit will enhance pedestrian safety on Murrie Street, generated by the school.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Map