



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Shaver Avenue South - Speed Limit Amendment

Date:	August 7, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	p:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc070124-to – AFS5651

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 Shaver Avenue South, from Bloor Street West to Dundas Street West.

Etobicoke York Community Council at its meeting of June 26, 2007, adopted a report (item EY7.29) from the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, recommending that City Council approve a 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue North between Burnhamthorpe Road and Bloor Street West. In addition, Community Council requested the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, to study reducing the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Shaver Avenue South from Dundas Street West to Bloor Street West, and to report to its September 10, 2007 meeting.

City Council at its meeting of July 16 -17, 2007, approved a 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver North between Burnhamthorpe Road and Bloor Street West. Therefore, for regulatory continuity, a 40 km/h speed limit is recommended on Shaver Avenue South, on the entire section between Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council approve a 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue South between Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

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COMMENTS

Shaver Avenue South is a two-lane road located in the residential community south of Bloor Street West and east of The East Mall. The road is classified as a “collector” in the City’s Road Classification System. The pavement width is 9.8 metres.

A sidewalk is located on the west side of the street. There is a sidewalk on the east side of the street between Dundas Street West and Ovida Avenue only.

Traffic control signals exist at the intersections of Bloor Street West and Shaver Avenue North/South, and Dundas Street West and Shaver Avenue South/Shorncliffe Road.

Shaver Avenue South has a speed limit of 50 km/h for its entire length between Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West. A 40 km/h speed limit on Shaver Avenue North, between Bloor Street West and Burnhamthorpe Road, was recently approved by City Council.

Recent speed studies conducted on Shaver Avenue South, revealed an operating speed or 85th percentile speed of 58 km/h. Given the low density residential character of the street and the fact that the north section of this continuous street has a 40 km/h speed limit, 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 a 40 km/h speed limit be introduced on Shaver Avenue South, between Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map