



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Mill Road - Speed Limit Amendment

<b>Date:</b>	August 30, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc070119-to – AFS5646

#### **SUMMARY**

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

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to extend the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Mill Road, in the area of Mill Valley Junior School, to include the section of road between Burnhamthorpe Road and Rathburn Road.

Currently, the section of Mill Road between Laver Road and Pebble Valley Lane has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. The sections of Mill Road between Burnhamthorpe Road and Laver Road, and between Pebble Valley Lane and Rathburn Road have a legal speed limit of 50 km/h. The City-wide 40 km/h speed limit warrant states that a 40 km/h speed limit in a school zone should exceed no less than 150.0 metres beyond the boundary of school property or contiguous parkland. However, given that both the north and south limits of the existing 40 km/h Speed Limit in the area of Mill Valley Junior School are located at distances that are shorter than the minimum warrant requirement of 150.0 metres beyond school property, a 40 km/h speed limit is recommended on Mill Road, on the entire section between Burnhamthorpe Road and Rathburn Road.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the existing 40 km/h speed limit regulation on Mill Road between Laver Road and Pebble Valley Lane; and
2. Enact a 40 km/h speed limit on Mill Road between Burnhamthorpe Road and Rathburn Road.

## Financial Impact

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

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from Mill Valley Junior School Parent Council, to conduct an investigation to determine the feasibility of extending the limits of the existing 40 km/h speed zone between Laver Road and Pebble Valley Lane. This request was made as result of speed concerns on the section of Mill Road north and south of the existing limits of the 40 km/h speed zone.

Staff conducted an investigation to determine the need to extend the current 40 km/h speed limit on Mill Road to include the entire section of Mill Road between Burnhamthorpe Road and Rathburn Road. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

## COMMENTS

Mill Road, between Burnhamthorpe Road and Rathburn Road, is a two-lane road classified in the City's road system as a "collector". The pavement width is 9.2 metres. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Burhamthorpe Road and Mill Road. An all-way stop control is located at the intersection of Mill Road and Rathburn Road. A pedestrian crossover is located on Mill Road, north of Laver Road.

The legal speed limit on Mill Road is 40 km/h between Laver Road and Pebble Valley Lane. This 40 km/h speed limit is justified as Mill Valley Junior School is located on the east side of this section of the road. The sections of Mill Road between Burnhamthorpe Road and Laver Road, and between Pebble Valley Lane and Rathburn Road currently have a legal speed limit of 50 km/h.

The 40 km/h warrant states that a 40 km/h speed limit in a school zone should extend no less than 150.0 meters beyond the boundary of school property and/or contiguous parkland. However, this is not the case in the area of Mill Valley Junior School. The south limit and north limits of the 40 km/h speed zone are located only 36.0 metres and 42.0 metres, respectively, beyond the school property.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends that the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Mill Road, between Laver Road and Pebble Valley Lane, be extended south to Burnhamthorpe Road and north to Rathburn Road. This proposed 40 km/h speed limit extension on Mill Road is appropriate for consistency of regulation, and for the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Map