



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

40 km/h Speed Zone: Laurentide Drive – Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court to York Mills Road

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| Date: | January 23, 2007 |
| To: | North York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services, North York District |
| Wards: | Ward 34 – Don Valley East |
| Reference Number: | p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07022tsny |

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to extend the 40 km/h speed zone on Laurentide Drive, from Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court to York Mills Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the 40 km/h speed limit on Laurentide Drive, from the northerly limit of Three Valleys Drive to the westerly limit of Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court;
2. By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, be amended by installing a 40 km/h speed limit on Laurentide Drive, from the northerly limit of Three Valleys Drive to the southerly limit of York Mills Road; and
3. the appropriate City officials be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to give affect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the implementation of the 40 km/h speed zone on Laurentide Drive, are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District was requested by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, on behalf of a local resident, to extend the 40 km/h speed limit on Laurentide Drive to include the section between Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court and York Mills Road.

COMMENTS

Laurentide Drive between Three Valleys Drive and Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court is a two-lane collector road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h, and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h between Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court and York Mills Road.

Laurentide Drive consists primarily of single family residential properties.

Our investigation has verified that a reduction in the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h would reduce the frequency of vehicles crossing the centre of the road when negotiating the many curves on Laurentide Drive.

The City of Toronto policy for introducing a 40 km/h speed limit considers various roadway characteristics, safety concerns, collision patterns and the location of pedestrian generators such as schools, parks and the absence of municipal sidewalks. A copy of the 40 km/h Warrant Summary sheet is attached.

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map – Laurentide Drive, Tetbury Crescent/ Barnwood Court to York Mills Road

Attachment 2: 40 Km/h Warrant Sheet – Laurentide Drive, Tetbury Crescent/Barnwood Court to York Mills Road