# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

## Stag Hill Drive – Reduction of the Speed Limit

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
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#### **SUMMARY**

Transportation Services is seeking City Council approval to lower the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Stag Hill Drive. Investigation indicated this street satisfied the criteria for a lower speed limit. Reducing the speed limit could promote lower operating speeds and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Stag Hill Drive, from Glenwood Crescent to Glen Gannon Drive.

### Financial Impact

Type of funding			Source of funds					Amount
Available budget	within	current	Toronto budget	Transportation	Services	2007	operating	\$600

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Councillor Janet Davis met with residents of Stag Hill Drive on May 28, 2007 to discuss parking and traffic issues. At this meeting Transportation Services was requested to investigate reducing the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Stag Hill Drive to encourage motorists to drive slower and promote safety for all road users.

#### **COMMENTS**

#### Site Description

Stag Hill Drive is classified as a local street. It operates two-way on a road width of 9.0 metres. The current maximum speed limit is 50 km/h. The road's alignment resembles an S-curve.

Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Stag Hill Drive, between Glenwood Crescent and Hale Crescent, and allowed on the north side between Hale Crescent and Glen Gannon Drive. Parking is allowed at all times on the south side of Stag Hill Drive, between Glenwood Crescent and Glen Gannon Drive.

#### **Investigation and Resolution**

Speeding in general is not an expressed concern of residents. There is concern that the 50 km/h maximum speed limit is too high for a residential street where parking on both sides of the street and the curved alignment reduces motorists' sight lines of the road ahead. Staff evaluated Stag Hill Drive against the criteria for lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h. We found that, since the sidewalks are immediately adjacent to the road, and the long term parking results in a narrow road with two-way traffic, the criteria is satisfied.

Based on this assessment staff recommend lowering the maximum speed limit to 40 km/h on Stag Hill Drive, from Glenwood Crescent to Glen Gannon Drive to enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists travelling or walking along this street.

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