



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Queenslea Avenue - Speed Limit Amendment

Date:	April 16, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
Reference Number:	p:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc080053-to-AFS7604

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 enact a 40 km/h speed limit on Queenslea Avenue.

Installing a 40 km/h speed limit on Queenslea Avenue is consistent with the 40 km/h Speed Limit Warrant. Approval of this report will result in a 40 km/h speed limit being posted on Queenslea Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Enacting a 40 km/h speed limit on Queenslea Avenue, as the requirements of the 40 km/h Speed Limit Warrant are achieved.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Frances Nunziata, on behalf of area residents to have staff determine if a lower (40 km/h) speed limit is warranted on Queenslea Avenue.

COMMENTS

Queenslea Avenue is a two-way local road in the residential community just south of Gary Drive and in the vicinity of Humber York Hospital. The speed limit on this road is currently 50 km/h with a pavement width of 8.5 metres.

Under the current Council policy, 40 km/h speed limits may be implemented on streets where the Road Width and either Pedestrian or Road and Traffic Environment criteria are met. Queenslea Avenue satisfies the Road Width and Road and Traffic Environment criteria as set in the table in Appendix "A" attached. Since Queenslea Avenue has an existing speed limit of 50 km/h, it would be beneficial for area residents to reduce the speed limit on this road to 40 km/h. The complete results are shown in Appendix "A" attached.

Based on the aforementioned, a 40 km/h speed limit is recommended on Queenslea Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A
Attachment No. 1: Map

APPENDIX “A”

40 Km/h Speed Limit Warrant – Queenslea Avenue

A. ROAD WIDTH			
1.	(i)	Pavement width equal to or greater than 10.5 metres and the 85 th percentile speed is equal to or less than 50 km/h	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
OR			
	(ii)	Pavement width less than 10.5 metres	
		PAVEMENT WIDTH: 8.5 metres SPEED LIMIT: 50 km/h	
AND			
B. PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT			
1.	(i)	Elementary or junior high school abuts the road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
OR			
	(ii)	Parkland abuts the road which is contiguous to and used to gain access to an elementary or junior high school Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
OR			
	(iii)	Absence of sidewalk on both sides of the road or a major portion of the road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
OR			
C. ROAD AND TRAFFIC ENVIRONMENT			
1.	(i)	Two or more locations where grades are greater than 5%; and/or safe speed on curves is less than 50 km/h Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
OR			
	(ii)	2 or more locations where there is lack of sufficient distance to stop safely traveling at 50 km/h Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
OR			
	(iii)	Pattern of collisions where vehicle speed was identified as a factor Local streets – 3 or more over 3 years Other streets – 5 or more over 3 years Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	