



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

40 km/h Speed Zone: Carmichael Avenue, Bathurst Street to Allard Avenue

Date:	March 12, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08041 (7328)

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To deny the request to reduce the speed limit on Carmichael Avenue, from Bathurst Street to Allard Avenue, to 40 km/h.

The existing traffic and roadway conditions do not warrant the introduction of a 40 km/h speed limit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. that the regulatory speed limit on Carmichael Avenue, from Bathurst Street to Allard Avenue not be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with receipt of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Karen Stintz, on behalf of local residents, to install a 40 km/h speed limit on Carmichael Avenue, from Bathurst Street to Allard Avenue.

COMMENTS

Carmichael Avenue, from Bathurst Street to Allard Avenue is designated as a local road with a municipal sidewalk on the entire south side. The regulatory speed limit on this section of road is 50 km/h. Eastbound and westbound traffic is currently required to stop at Allard Avenue, whereas northbound and southbound traffic is required to stop at Falkirk Avenue.

This division has conducted a 24-hour vehicle speed study on Carmichael Avenue, between Bathurst Street and Allard Avenue.

The results of the studies confirm the vehicle operating speed, the speed at which 85% of vehicles are travelling at or below, is 52 km/h and the average speed is 41 km/h.

In reviewing the City's 40 km/h speed limit policy, a reduction in the speed limit on Carmichael Avenue, between Bathurst Street to Allard Avenue is not warranted. 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.

As per the attached summary, our review has concluded that none of the roadway and vehicle operating requirements, in accordance with the 40 km/h policy, were met.

Based upon the results of our investigation, this division does not support the reduction of the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Carmichael Av - Bathurst St to Allard Av; 40 km/h Speed Limit
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Attachment 2: 40 km/h Warrant Sheet – Carmichael Av - Bathurst St to Allard Av
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