

Sammon Avenue – 40 km/h 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

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to lower the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Sammon Avenue, from Woodington Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue. This lower speed limit would be consistent with Sammon Avenue, east of Woodington Avenue. Also, the nature of this street, with sidewalks right beside the road and long-term parking, make a 40 km/h speed limit more appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Sammon Avenue, from Woodington Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$2000

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Janet Davis requested Transportation Services to consider reducing the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Sammon Avenue to encourage motorists to drive slower and promote safety for all road users.

COMMENTS

Site Description

Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue is a two-way collector roadway, with a pavement width of 8.5 metres. Woodington Avenue/Knight Street is the first street east of Coxwell Avenue. The current maximum speed limit is 40 km/h on Sammon Avenue, from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue, and 50 km/h from Woodington Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue. There is no transit service on Sammon Avenue.

The current parking regulations on Sammon Avenue are summarized as follows:

North Side:

- No Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (Knight Street to Glebemount Avenue);
- No Parking from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday only (Glebemount Avenue to Woodmount Avenue);
- No Parking Anytime (Woodmount Avenue to Woodbine Avenue);
- Parking is allowed by permit only from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. alternating sides (Woodbine Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue); and
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours (Coxwell Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue).

South Side:

- No Parking Anytime (Coxwell Avenue to Woodmount Avenue);
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday (Woodbine Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue);
- Parking is allowed by permit only from 11:00 pm to 5:00 am alternating sides (Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue); and
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours (Woodmount Avenue to Cedarvale Avenue).

Investigation and Resolution

Transportation Services' staff evaluated Sammon Avenue for lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h. Since the posted speed limit is already 40 km/h from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue, extending this speed limit to Cedarvale Avenue, would establish a consistent speed limit on the full length of Sammon Avenue in Ward 31.

Also, this street is residential in nature with sidewalks right beside the road. Parking is allowed on one side of the road at all times with alternate-side parking on the easterly section of Sammon Avenue. The lower speed limit is more appropriate and would provide a safer environment for residents, pedestrians and cyclists.

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