

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# **Chetta Place - Parking Regulation Amendments and Speed Limit Amendment**

Date:	February 11, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
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#### **SUMMARY**

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

The purpose of this report is to propose the introduction of a stopping prohibition on the south and east side of Chetta Place, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This stopping regulation will ensure two-way travel on the road by not allowing motorists to stop during the day on the side of the street opposite Kingsview Village Junior Public School.

In addition, a staff assessment has determined that the criteria for the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit is achieved, in that the findings are consistent with the 40 km/h Speed Limit Warrant on Chetta Place.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- 1. Enacting a "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition on the east and south side of Chetta Place between Dixon Road and the east limit of the road.
- 2. Enacting a 40 km/h speed limit on Chetta Place between Dixon Road and the east limit of the road, 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	\$800.00

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services attended meetings with Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North, Toronto Police Service staff and staff/parents from Kingsview Village Public School. Many concerns were discussed at these meetings including the traffic congestion caused by parents parking on both sides of Chetta Place. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

#### **COMMENTS**

Chetta Place is a 9.8 metre wide, two-way local road, in the area of Kingsview Village Public School, built to urban standards with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. Kingsview Village Public School has driveway access off of York Road, to the north of Chetta Place, and a turning circle exists on school property. Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Dixon Road and Chetta Place. The road widens to approximately 15 metres closer to Dixon Road.

Current parking regulations on Chetta Place include "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of the street. On York Road, parking is prohibited on both sides of the street between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Field checks conducted by staff during the morning, lunchtime and afternoon dismissal times revealed that vehicles are parking on both sides of the roadway despite the area being posted as "No Parking Anytime". Due to the relatively narrow road width, with vehicles parking on both sides of the road, two-way travel is not possible. On this particular street, as there is no turning basin at the east end of the street, motorists were observed backing up to find parking spots.

By prohibiting stopping between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south and east side of the road, we will ensure two-way travel on the road by not allowing parking during the day on both sides of the street.

A radar spot speed study was conducted on Chetta Place. These study results reveal that the majority of motorists travel at speeds less than the 50 km/h speed limit with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 34 km/h. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is the speed at or below which the majority of motorists feel comfortable travelling under the existing roadway conditions.

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. Chetta Place satisfies the Road Width and Pedestrian Environment criteria as set in Appendix A attached, since the street abuts a school. It is prudent to reduce the speed limit to reflect this condition.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A

Attachment 1: Map

## **APPENDIX A**

# 40 Km/h Speed Limit Warrant - Chetta Place

A.	ROAD	WIDTH	
1.	(i)	Pavement width equal to or greater than 10.5 metres and the 85 <sup>th</sup>	
		percentile speed is equal to or less than 50 km/h	
		OR	
	(ii)	Pavement width less than 10.5 metres	Yes ☑ No□
		PAVEMENT WIDTH: 9.8 to 15 metres 85 <sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE SPEED: 34 km/h	

### AND

B.	B. PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT		
1.	(i)	Elementary or junior high school abuts the road	Yes Ø No□
		Yes ☑ No□	
		OR	
	(ii)	Parkland abuts the road which is contiguous to and used to gain access	
		to an elementary or junior high school	
		Yes □ No ☑	
		OR	
	(iii)	Absence of sidewalk on both sides of the road or a major portion of the	
		road	
		Yes ☐ No ☑	

### OR

C.	ROAL	O 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 □ No ☑	Yes ☐ No Ø
		OR	
	(ii)	2 or more locations where there is lack of sufficient distance to stop safely traveling at 50 km/h Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$	
		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 □ No ☑	