



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### 50 km/h Speed Limit/Zone: Wilson Avenue, Dufferin Street to Wilson Heights Boulevard

<b>Date:</b>	February 27, 2009
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 9 – York Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ny09018

#### SUMMARY

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To obtain approval to reduce the existing 60 km/h speed limit to 50 km/h on Wilson Avenue, between Dufferin Street and Wilson Heights Boulevard.

The reduction of the existing speed limit between Dufferin Street and Wilson Heights Boulevard will result in a continuous speed limit of 50 km/h speed on Wilson Avenue and address the residents concerns with regard to the rate of speed of vehicles on this section of roadway.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. the 60 km/h speed limit on Wilson Avenue between Wilson Heights Boulevard and Dufferin Street be deleted.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the implementation of the 50 km/h speed zone are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2009 Operating Budget estimates.

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District has been requested by Councillor Michael Feldman on behalf of the residents of the area in conjunction with the redevelopment of

545 and 555 Wilson Avenue, to review the feasibility of installing a 50 km/h speed limit on Wilson Avenue, from Dufferin Street to Wilson Heights Boulevard.

## **COMMENTS**

Wilson Avenue is designated as a major arterial roadway with regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h with the exception of the section of roadway between Dufferin Street and Wilson Heights Boulevard where the regulatory speed limit is 60 km/h.

In 1964, the former Metropolitan Toronto Executive Committee recommended that the speed limit on Wilson Avenue between Dufferin Street and Wilson Heights Boulevard be reduced from 50 mph (80 km/h) to 35 mph (60 km/h). At that time, this section of Wilson Avenue was undeveloped.

This section of roadway has been redeveloped in the past few years with the installation of commercial uses on both sides of Wilson Avenue. As such given the new development along this section of roadway and the Toronto Transit Commission Wilson Station, pedestrian traffic has increased. A radar study conducted along this section of roadway has confirmed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on this section of roadway is less than 60 km/h as such the reduction in the existing speed limit to 50 km/h would not have an adverse affect on the motoring public.

The reduction of the speed limit within this area will result in a continuous speed limit of 50 km/h on Wilson Avenue from Yonge Street to Weston Road.

Councillor Michael Feldman has been advised of the recommendation contained within this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Speed Limit Reduction; Wilson Av, from Dufferin St to Wilson Heights Blvd (*ny09018\_map*)