



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

40 km/hr Speed Zone: Ridley Boulevard

Date:	August 17, 2009
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence
Reference Number:	<i>ny09057</i>

SUMMARY

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

To obtain approval to amend the speed limit to 40 km/h on Ridley Boulevard, from Avenue Road to the easterly limit of Ridley Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York , by designating Ridley Boulevard from Avenue Road to the easterly limit of Ridley Boulevard as a 40 km/h speed limit zone;

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the implementation of 40 km/h speed limit zones are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2009 Operating Budget estimate.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Karen Stintz, on behalf of a local resident, has requested that the Transportation Services Division, North York District review the feasibility of introducing a 40 km/h speed limit on Ridley Boulevard from Avenue Road to the easterly limit of Ridley Boulevard

COMMENTS

Ridley Boulevard, from Avenue Road to Yonge Boulevard is designated as a local road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and a pavement width of 8.5 metres. Traffic along this section of roadway is controlled by all-way stop signs at the intersections of Ridley Boulevard with Elm Road and Esgore Drive. Eastbound and westbound traffic on Ridley Boulevard is also required to stop at Harley Avenue. There are no municipal sidewalks on either side of the roadway for its entirety. Ridley Boulevard terminates just west of Yonge Boulevard as a cul-de-sac.

The 40 km/h speed limit policy considers various roadway characteristics, safety concerns, collision patterns, location of pedestrian generators such as schools and the absence of municipal sidewalks.

The application of the criteria established as part of the City's 40 km/h speed limit policy, has concluded that Ridley Boulevard meets the warrant criteria for a 40 km/h speed limit based on the criteria of an absence of sidewalks.

In view of the above, this division recommends the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Ridley Boulevard from Avenue Road to the easterly limit of Ridley Boulevard.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map – Ridley Boulevard, from Avenue Road to the easterly limit of Ridley Boulevard, 40 km/hr Speed Zone (*ny09057_map*)

Attachment 2: 40k/hr Warrant Sheet (*ny09057_warrant*)