

40 km/h Speed Limit Zone: Talbot Road

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 23 – Willowdale
Reference Number:	<i>ny10006</i>

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 approve a request to designate Talbot Road between Hendon Avenue and a point 75 meters south of Charlton Boulevard as a 40 km/h speed limit zone.

The existing traffic and roadway conditions satisfy the established criteria for the extension of the 40 km/h speed limit zone on Talbot Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, to delete the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Talbot Road from the north limit of Talbot Road to a point 75 metres south of Charlton Boulevard;
2. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, to delete the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Talbot Road from the south limit of Finch Avenue West to the south limit of Hendon Avenue; and

3. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, to install a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Talbot Road from Finch Avenue West to the north limit of Talbot Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Talbot Avenue are included in the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget estimate.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by a resident to reduce the speed limit on Talbot Road between Hendon Avenue and a point 75 meters south of Charlton Boulevard.

COMMENTS

Talbot Road is designated as a Collector Road which extends northerly from Finch Avenue West to Newtonbrook Boulevard. At Newtonbrook Boulevard, Talbot Road turns into Hilda Avenue which extends to Steeles Avenue West. Currently, the speed limit on Talbot Road is 40 km/h between Finch Avenue West and Hendon Avenue. In a 300 metre section of Talbot Road between Hendon Avenue and a point 75 metres south of Charlton Boulevard the posted speed limit is 50 km/h. North of this 50 km/h speed zone, a 40 km/h speed limit exists on Talbot Road and Hilda Avenue up to Patricia Avenue – a distance of 700 m. North of Patricia Avenue to Steeles Avenue West a 50 km/h speed limit exists on Hilda Avenue.

This division has verified the resident's concern that the short 50 km/h speed limit zone on Talbot Road north of Hendon Avenue results in inconsistent vehicles speeds in the area. The increase in the posted speed limit from 40 km/h to 50 km/h at a point 75 meters south of Charlton Boulevard is of particular concern for the pedestrians crossing in this area.

In view of the above, this division would support the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit on Talbot Road between Hendon Avenue and a point 75 meters south of Charlton Boulevard that would result in a consistent speed limit on the entire on the entire length of Talbot Road between Finch Avenue West and Newtonbrook Boulevard.

Councillor John Filion has been advised of the recommendations of this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Map – 40 km/h Speed Limit: Talbot Road (*ny10006_map1*)