

40 km/hr Speed Zone: Whitburn Crescent, Denbigh Crescent, Skipton Court and Blaydon Avenue

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 9 – York West
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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 Whitburn Crescent, Denbigh Crescent, Skipton Court and Blaydon Avenue.

The amendments to the regulatory speed limit on these roadways will address the residents' request.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, by designating Whitburn Crescent from Keele Street to Denbigh Crescent (north leg) as a 40 km/h speed limit zone;
2. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, by designating Denbigh Crescent from Keele Street to Blaydon Avenue (west leg) as a 40 km/h speed limit zone;

3. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, by designating Skipton Court from Whitburn Crescent to the west limit of Skipton Court as a 40 km/h speed limit zone;
4. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, by deleting the designated 40 km/h speed limit zone on Blaydon Avenue from the northerly limit of Tavistock Road to the southerly limit of Denbigh Crescent; and
5. Amend By-law No. 31878, of the former City of North York, by adding a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Blaydon Avenue from Tavistock Road to the west/north limit of Blaydon Avenue.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the implementation of 40 km/h speed limit zones are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Maria Augimeri, 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 Whitburn Crescent.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services Division, has reviewed the residents request regarding the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Whitburn Crescent to 40km/h. The 40 km/h speed limit policy considers various roadway characteristics including the presence of schools and the absence of municipal sidewalks.

The review has indicated that Whitburn Crescent, from Keele Street to Denbigh Crescent/Blaydon Avenue is designated as a local road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and no municipal sidewalks on either side of the roadway. The vehicle speed studies conducted in 2009 indicate that the 85th percentile speeds of vehicles were less than 51 km/h and the average vehicle speeds were less than 43 km/h.

As such, the application of the criteria established as part of the City's 40 km/h speed limit policy has concluded that Whitburn Crescent meets the warrant criteria for a 40 km/h speed limit based on the absence of a municipal sidewalk.

The review has also indicated that the adjacent roadways within this area do not have municipal sidewalks and have numerous curves, and as such have also been considered for the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit. These roads include Denbigh Crescent, Blaydon Avenue and Skipton Court.

Accordingly, this division recommends the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit on Denbigh Crescent, Skipton Court and Blaydon Avenue as they also meet the warrant criteria for a 40 km/h speed limit based on the criteria of an absence of sidewalks and horizontal curves on the majority of the roads.

Councillor Maria Augimeri supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Whitburn Cres Community 40 k/hr Speed Limit Review
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