

Reduce Speed Limit to 40 Kilometres Per hour - Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue

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From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
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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. Transportation Services staff have investigated reducing the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue.

Based on an assessment of the speed profile and neighbourhood environment, Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue, satisfies the warrants for reducing the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. Implementing this lower speed limit is recommended to promote lower operating speeds and provide a safer environment for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve implementation of a 40 km/h maximum speed limit on Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of \$1000.00 to give effect to this regulation is available within Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Janet Davis, on behalf of local residents, Transportation Services has investigated reducing the speed limit from a maximum of 50 km/h to a

maximum of 40 km/h on Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue, to promote slower operating speeds and enhance safety for all road users.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

Squires Avenue is classified a local street and operates two-way (northbound and southbound) on a pavement width of 7.3 metres. The speed limit between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue is 50 km/h. Parking is currently allowed for a maximum period of three hours on both sides of the street. No TTC service operates on Squires Avenue.

Residents have expressed concerns that the current 50 km/h maximum speed limit is excessive for the neighbourhood environment.

Investigation

Staff evaluated Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue against the warrants adopted by City Council in April, 2001 for implementing a 40 km/h maximum speed limit. The subject section of Squires Avenue satisfied the following aspects of the warrant criteria.

- (a) the pavement is less than 10.5 metres in width; and
- (b) sidewalks are immediately adjacent to and not separated from the flow of motor vehicles by long-term parking.

Based on our assessment, reducing the maximum speed limit on Squires Avenue, between Tiago Avenue and Holmstead Avenue from 50 km/h to 40 km/h is recommended.

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