Traffic Calming Review – Oakridge Drive between Brimley Road and McCowan Road

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Oakridge Drive is scheduled for resurfacing in 2012. This report responds to a request to review the status of the existing warranted traffic calming measures along Oakridge Drive.

Transportation Services recommends retaining the warranted traffic calming measures on Oakridge Drive between Brimley Road and McCowan Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommend that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Not approve the removal of Traffic Calming on Oakridge Drive between Brimley Road and McCowan Road.

2. Not pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact
There is no financial impact associated with this report.
ISSUEBACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by an area resident, Councillor Gary Crawford requested a review of the feasibility of the removal of the warranted traffic calming measure on Oakridge drive between Brimley Road and McCowan Road. Transportation Services staff recommend retaining the existing traffic calming measures. The removal of these traffic calming measures will likely result in the operating speed increasing to pre-traffic calming levels of approximately 55 km/h. The current speed humps allow traffic to travel at speeds consistent with a range from 30 to 40 km/h.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing Oakridge Drive between Brimley Road and McCowan Road include:

- The land use on Oakridge Drive is single family dwellings.
- The current traffic calming measure is a warranted installation that met all speed, volume and polling criteria when originally installed about eight years ago.
- The removal of a warranted traffic control measure will have a negative impact on the community as the operating speed on this roadway will increase to previous levels.

Transportation Services strongly recommends retaining the current traffic calming measures; removal of the warranted speed humps would be counter-productive and not an effective use of resources.

It should be noted that once the new consolidated Traffic Code (Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950) is in full force, a report will be tabled to reduce the speed limit on Oakridge Drive to 30 km/h as per City Policy for traffic calmed streets.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Traffic Calming Review – Oakridge Drive)