



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

40 km/h speed limit – Morse Street

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to reduce the existing speed limit on Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue, from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. A 40 km/h speed limit would be consistent with the remaining section of Morse Street, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Enact a 40 km/h speed limit on Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary sign installations in the estimated amount of \$500.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Paula Fletcher, on behalf of local residents, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of reducing the maximum speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue, to promote slower operating speeds and enhance safety for all road users.

COMMENTS

Morse Street is a 7.3 metre wide local road operating two-way north/south between Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 105 metres north and then one-way northbound between that point and Queen Street East. The one-way traffic operation section is primarily residential in land-use, while the two-way traffic operation section to the south is primarily commercial/industrial land-use. The maximum speed limit on Morse Street is 50 km/h between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue, and 40 km/h between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East. Morse Street Playground is located on the west side of the street south of Eastern Avenue. There is no TTC service on Morse Street.

Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side of Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue, and the east side of Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 105 metres north (two-way section). Parking is allowed on the east side of Morse Street, between a point 105 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue.

Transportation Services evaluated the section of Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue, against the criteria for lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h and found this street does not satisfy the established criteria.

However, as indicated above, the speed limit on Morse Street, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East, is 40 km/h. The characteristics of this section are consistent with the remaining section of Morse Street, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue. For consistency, it is recommended that this section of Morse Street also have the 40 km/h speed limit.

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