SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that 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.

Deny the request to amend the 50 km/h speed limit zone on Dell Park Avenue between Shermount Avenue and Bathurst Street to 40 km/h.

The amendment to the regulatory speed limit on Dell Park Avenue is not warranted based on the City of Toronto's 40 km/h Speed Limit Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Deny the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Dell Park Avenue between Shermount Avenue and Bathurst Street.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with the adoption of this report.
ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the area residents to review the feasibility of reducing the regulatory speed limit on Dell Park Avenue between Shermount Avenue and Bathurst Street to 40 km/h.

The residents of the area have expressed their concerns with regards to the rate of speed of motorists.

COMMENTS

Dell Park Avenue is classified as a local road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h between Shermount Avenue and Bathurst Street and 40 km/h from Shermount Avenue to Marlee Avenue. In 1999 the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) was approved and subsequently installed in 2000 on Dell Park Avenue between Marlee Avenue and Shermount Avenue. Municipal sidewalks are located on the south side of the road.

Dell Park Avenue is primarily comprised of single family residential dwellings with the exception of the apartment building at Bathurst Street. It should be noted that located on the north side of Dell Park Avenue between Dalemount Avenue and Glenmount Avenue is Dell Park, which generates a considerable amount of pedestrian traffic from the local residents.

In view of the above request staff has undertaken an assessment of the existing traffic conditions on the roadway, specifically with regards to reducing the regulatory speed limit to 40 km/h.

The 40 km/h speed limit policy considers various roadway characteristics, safety concerns, collision patterns, location of pedestrian generators such as schools and parks and the absence of municipal sidewalks.

With regards to the presence of a park, our review has indicated that the park is not contiguous to an elementary school, and as such is not considered to warrant the speed limit reduction. As for the absence of a municipal sidewalk, although the sidewalk is not located on the same side as the park, it is continuous for the entire length of the roadway. Furthermore, our review has also noted that the appropriate advance warning signage have been installed on this roadway in advance of the parkland.

It should also be noted that staff at the request of the Ward Councillor, on behalf of the residents deployed the Watch Your Speed Trailer on this roadway in October of 2012.
Accordingly in view of the above, the implementation of a 40 km/h Speed Limit on Dell Park Avenue is not warranted and as such Staff does not support the implementation of the reduced speed limit.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – 40 km/h Speed Zone: Dell Park Avenue