



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

40 km/h Speed Zone: Delhi Avenue

Date:	July 2, 2014
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 10 – York Centre
Reference Number:	<i>p:/2014/ClusterB/TRA/NorthYork/ny14088</i>

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.

To obtain approval to amend the speed limit to 40 km/h on Delhi Avenue between Bathurst Street and Ridley Boulevard.

The extension of the existing 40 km/h speed limit zone on Delhi Avenue will facilitate a consistent speed limit on Delhi Avenue and will address the residents' concerns with regards to vehicle speeds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the deletion of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Delhi Avenue between Westgate Boulevard and Ridley Boulevard; and
2. Approve the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Delhi Avenue between Bathurst Street and Ridley Boulevard.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Delhi Avenue are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the local Summit Heights Safe Roadway Committee to review the feasibility of extending the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Delhi Avenue between Ridley Boulevard and Westgate Boulevard, west to Bathurst Street. Concerns were raised that vehicles travelling at a high rate of speed create a particularly dangerous situation when approaching the school zone.

COMMENTS

Delhi Avenue is designated as local roadway with municipal sidewalk on north side. The regulatory speed limit of Delhi Avenue is 50 km/h between Bathurst Street and Westgate Boulevard, and the posted speed limit is 40 km/h between Ridley Boulevard and Westgate Boulevard. Located to the east of the intersection of Delhi Avenue and Westgate Boulevard is Summit Heights Elementary School.

It should be noted that City Council, at its meeting on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002 approved a city wide policy for the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit. The 40 km/h speed limit policy considers various roadway characteristics including the presence of schools, the absence of municipal sidewalks and the width of the travelled portion of the road. It also states that the 40km/h maximum speed limit must extend no less than 150 metres beyond the boundary of the school property.

The application of the criteria established as part of the City's 40 km/h speed limit policy has concluded that the current 40 km/h zone on Delhi Avenue falls short of the 150 metre requirement. The 150 metre requirement brings the westerly limit of the zone to Wendy Crescent, which is midblock between Bathurst Street and Westgate Boulevard.

In view of the above, staff has determined that it would be appropriate to have the westerly limit of the 40 km/h speed zone commence at Bathurst Street. The implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Delhi Avenue will facilitate a consistent speed limit on both roads and will address the residents' concerns with regards to vehicle speeds.

In view of the above, staff recommends the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Delhi Avenue.

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: Delhi Ave