40 km/h Speed Zone: Westgate Boulevard

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To:      North York Community Council
From:    Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:   Ward 10 – York Centre
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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 Westgate Boulevard between Southbourne Avenue and the northern leg.

The extension of the existing 40 km/h speed limit zone on Westgate Boulevard will facilitate a consistent speed limit on Westgate Boulevard 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 Westgate Boulevard between Southbourne Avenue and Delhi Avenue; and

2. Approve the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Westgate Boulevard between Southbourne Avenue and the north limit of Westgate Boulevard.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Westgate Boulevard 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 Westgate Boulevard north to the northerly limit of Westgate Boulevard. The residents have indicated that vehicles travelling at a high rate of speed create a particularly dangerous situation when approaching the school zone.

**COMMENTS**

Westgate Boulevard is designated as local roadway with a municipal sidewalk on the east side between Southbourne Boulevard and Delhi Avenue, and no sidewalk between Delhi Avenue and the northern limit of Westgate Boulevard. The regulatory speed limit on Westgate Boulevard is 50 km/h between Delhi Avenue and the northern limit; and 40 km/h between Southbourne Avenue and Delhi Avenue. 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.

Application of the criteria established as part of the City’s 40 km/h speed limit policy has concluded that Westgate Boulevard meets the warrant criteria for a 40 km/h speed limit based on the absence of municipal sidewalk between Delhi Avenue and the northern limit of Westgate Boulevard.

The implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Westgate Boulevard will facilitate a consistent speed limit on both sections of roadway 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 Westgate Boulevard.

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: Westgate Boulevard