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 existing speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Yorkview Drive between Bathurst Street and Senlac Road.

The amendments to the regulatory speed limit 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 removal of 40 km/h speed limit zone on Yorkview Drive between Fleetwell Court and a point 90 metres east of Bevdale Road (south intersection).

2. Approve the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Yorkview Drive between Bathurst Street and Senlac Road.
Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone 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 area residents to review the feasibility of introducing a 40 km/h speed limit on Yorkview Drive between Bathurst Street and Senlac Road to promote slower speed and enhance safety for all road users.

COMMENTS

Yorkview Drive is classified as a local roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h between Fleetwell Court and a point 90 metres east of Bevdale Road and 50km/h the reminder of the street. The pavement width is approximately 8.5 metres and municipal sidewalks are located alternating on the north and south side of the roadway, Bathurst Street to Bevdale Road and Wynn Road to Senlac Road, respectively.

It should be noted that the City Council at it's meeting on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002 approved a city wide policy regarding the implementation requirements for 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.

The application of the criteria established as part of the City’s 40 km/h speed limit policy has concluded that Yorkview Drive meets the warrant criteria for a 40 km/h speed limit based on the fact that there are several vertical and horizontal curves on this roadway where the "safe speed on curves is less than 50 km/h." The existing 40km/h zone is at the location of Yorkview Public School. Extending the 40 km/h zone between Bathurst Street and Senlac Road would prevent vehicles from increasing their speeds, creating a safer roadway for school children.
In view of the above, staff recommends the implementation of a 40 km/h speed limit on Yorkview Drive between Bathurst Street and Senlac Road.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendation contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – 40 km/h Speed Zone: Yorkview Drive