30 km/h Speed Zone: Invermay Avenue

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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.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing speed limit on Invermay Avenue between Faywood Boulevard and Bathurst Street.

Traffic calming (speed humps) are in place on Invermay Avenue between Faywood Boulevard and Bathurst Street.

The amendments to the regulatory speed limit will facilitate a consistent speed limit along the roadway between Faywood Boulevard and Bathurst Street as well as address the residents' concerns with regards to vehicle speeds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the deletion of the 40 km/h speed limit zone on Invermay Avenue between Faywood Boulevard and King High Avenue (east intersection).
2. Approve the implementation of a 30 km/h speed limit zone on Invermay Avenue between Bathurst Street and Faywood Boulevard.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of a 30 km/h speed limit zone are included within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the Community to review the feasibility of extending the existing 40 km/h speed limit from King High Avenue (east intersection), westerly to Faywood Boulevard.

COMMENTS

Invermay Avenue is classified as a local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres with sidewalks on the north side of the roadway. Invermay Avenue is an east-west roadway which is approximately 1 kilometre in length, has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h from Faywood Boulevard to King High Avenue (east intersection) and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h from King High Avenue (east intersection) to Bathurst Street. It should be noted that there are 6 speed humps (traffic calming) on this section of roadway and 30 km/h advisory speed limit signs installed at each speed hump between Faywood Boulevard and Bathurst Street. The traffic calming was installed in 1999.

The posted speed limit on Invermay Avenue is 40 km/h and was implemented in accordance with the traffic calming practice and speed limit requirements for that time period and former municipality. It should be noted that the use of the 30 km/h speed limit with traffic calming was only used by the former City of Toronto as they had received legislative authority by the province to do so. The use of the 30 km/h speed limit within the new boundaries of the City of Toronto did not occur until such time that the Traffic Calming Policy was adopted by City Council in April of 2002.
The implementation of a 30 km/h speed limit zone on Invermay Avenue between Bathurst Street and Faywood Boulevard will address the resident's concern of vehicle speeds and facilitate a consistent speed limit on Invermay Avenue.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – 30 km/h Speed Zone: Invermay Ave