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 from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Maxwell Street between Sheppard Avenue West and Overbrook Place.

The amendments to the regulatory speed limit will address the residents' request with regard 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 Maxwell Street between Wilmington Avenue and Overbrook Place.

2. Approve the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Maxwell Street between Wilmington Avenue and Sheppard Avenue West.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone are included within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget estimates.

40 km/h Speed Zone: Maxwell St
ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services 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 Maxwell Street between Sheppard Avenue West and Overbrook Place to promote slower speeds and enhance safety for all road users.

COMMENTS

Maxwell Street is classified as a two-lane local roadway with an approximate pavement width of 8.5 metres and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h from Sheppard Avenue West to Overbrook Place. The posted speed limit on Maxwell Street between Overbrook Place and Wilmington Avenue is 40 km/h given that this section of roadway consists of traffic calming measures (speed humps) between Beaver Valley Road and Elder Street. There are no municipal sidewalks on Maxwell Street from Sheppard Avenue West to Wilmington Avenue.

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 Maxwell Street meets the warrant criteria for a 40 km/h speed limit since there is no municipal sidewalk on Maxwell Street.

Amendment of the existing 40 km/h speed zone, to include the section of roadway between Sheppard Avenue West and Overbrook Place, would result in the entire roadway being designated as a 40 km/h speed zone.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – 40 km/h Speed Zone: Maxwell St

40 km/h Speed Zone: Maxwell St