40 km/h Speed Zone: Parent Avenue

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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 from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Parent Avenue between Lexfield Avenue and a point 150 metres west of Exbury Road.

The amendments to the regulatory speed limit will facilitate a consistent speed limit along the roadway between Lexfield Avenue and Exbury Road.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the deletion of the 40 km/h speed limit zone on Parent Avenue between Roding Street and a point 150 metres west of Exbury Road.

2. Approve the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit zone on Parent Avenue between Roding Street and Lexfield Avenue.

**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.
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 a point 150 metres west of Exbury Road, westerly to Lexfield Avenue.

COMMENTS

Parent Avenue is classified as a local roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h from Roding Street to a point 150 metres west of Exbury Road and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h between Lexfield Avenue and a point 150 metres west of Exbury Road. Municipal sidewalks are located on the south side of the roadway and the pavement width is approximately 8.5 metres. Located on the southwest corner of Exbury Road and Parent Avenue is St. Conrad Elementary School.

The existing 50 km/h speed limit between Lexfield Avenue and a point 150 metres west of Exbury Road currently terminates at the crest in the roadway. Our observations indicate that there are numerous students that use Parent Avenue as a walking route to the school and that parents are using this section of roadway to drop-off and pick-up their children.

Therefore, in view of the above, extending the existing 40 km/h zone westerly to Lexfield Avenue would provide a consistent speed limit along the entire roadway, and an improved environment for students walking to and from school.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – 40 km/h Speed Zone: Parent Ave