STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Speed Limit Amendment – St. John's Road

Date: July 26, 2016
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park
Reference Number: p:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc160124-to

SUMMARY
This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to extend the existing 40 km/h speed limit on St. John's Road between Windermere Avenue (west intersection) and Runnymede Road to reflect signed conditions in the field.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on St. John's Road, between a point 48.9 metres west of Runnymede Road and Runnymede Road.

Financial Impact
The estimated cost for amending the signs is $200.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services staff received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to investigate a small section of St. John's Road (48.9 metres in length) between Windermere Avenue (west intersection) and Runnymede Road which currently has a statutory 50 km/h speed limit. A review of Chapter 950, Schedule 35 reveals that the section of St. John's Road between Runnymede Road and a point 48.9 metres west of Runnymede Road is currently not by-lawed for a 40 km/h speed limit. This small road section is a legacy section from the former boundaries of Toronto and York and remains inconsistent with other road sections of St. John's Road. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

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COMMENTS
St. Johns Road between Jane Street and Runnymede Road, is a two-lane roadway classified in the City’s Road Classification System as a “Collector" roadway. It is located in a residential community east of Jane Street and south of Dundas Street West. The roadway has an urban cross-section (curb and gutters) with sidewalks on both sides of the street and runs in an east-west orientation. The speed limit on St. Johns Road is 40 km/h from Jane Street to Dundas Street West except along the frontage of King George Public School between Willard Avenue (west intersection) and Windermere Avenue (west intersection) where a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect with traffic calming measures (speed humps). From Windermere Avenue (west intersection) to a point 48.9 metres west of Runnymede Road, the speed limit changes to back 40 km/h. From that point to Runnymede Road, a statutory 50 km/h speed limit is in effect.

For area continuity purposes, staff recommends the speed limit on this portion of St. Johns' Road be lowered from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. A 40 km/h speed limit will provide a more consistent driving environment in the neighbourhood.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map