

**40 km/h Speed Zone: Nash Drive and Victory Drive**

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<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 9 – York West</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>p:/2016/ClusterB/TRA/NorthYork/ny16053</i>

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which 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 reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Nash Drive and Victory Drive. These streets are used by children walking to schools in the community. Reducing the speed limits will promote reduced travel speeds on these roadways and provide a safer environment for pedestrians.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Nash Drive between Roding Street and Bunnell Crescent (west leg).
2. Amend the 40 km/h speed limit on Victory Drive in effect between Julian Road and Wintergreen Road, to be in effect between Julian Road and Keele Street.

**Financial Impact**

All costs associated with amending the limits of the 40 km/h speed zone on the above noted roadways are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by St. Raphael Catholic School to review the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Victory Drive, Nash Drive, Ianhall Road and Julian Road from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

St. Raphael Catholic School for the past two years has been part of the Green Communities Canada/TDSB & TCDSB School Travel Planning Program, whereby a series of school walk-about have been undertaken to review the roadways and school community to promote active transportation modes and to review the current traffic patterns within the school community. As a result of this initiative, Transportation Services was requested to review the speed limits on streets in the vicinity of this school.

## **COMMENTS**

The St. Raphael School Community is located within an area that is primarily comprised of single family residential homes. Within the school's catchment area there are also several high-rise apartment buildings in which students of the school reside. These apartment buildings are located either along Keele Street or Wilson Avenue. Additionally, within this community there is a public library, community Centre and large park which the school children frequent before, during or after school. During the walk-about it was observed that numerous school age children were using Nash Drive and Victory Drive to go to either St. Raphael Catholic School located on Gade Drive or Pierre Laporte Middle School located on Julian Road. The local roadways in this area generally have a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres and municipal sidewalks on at least one side of the roadway.

A review of the area has indicated that the roadways immediately adjacent to the St. Raphael Catholic School have posted speed limits of 40 km/h. Of the requested streets, Nash Drive and Victory Drive have a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h, Julian Road is posted at 40 km/h, Ianhall Road is posted at 40 km/h, north of Victory Drive but has a maximum speed limit of 50 km/h between Victory Drive and Wintergreen Road

Given that Nash Drive and Victory Drive provide direct vehicular and pedestrian connectivity to the school areas, it would be appropriate to reduce the posted speed limit on both of these roadways between the following limits:

- Nash Drive, Roding Street to Bunnell Crescent (west leg)
- Victory Drive, Julian Road to Keele Road

The implementation of a 40km/h speed limit on all of the above noted roadways will not negatively impact traffic flow.

Ianhall Road, south of Victory Drive, is approximately 90 metres in length and sidewalks are located on both sides. Minimal school age children were observed using this section of roadway.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Nash Drive and Victory Drive (St. Raphael Catholic School Area)