

## **Speed Limit Reduction: Rosewell Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West**

**Date:** May 11, 2017

**To:** North York Community Council

**From:** Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District

**Wards:** Ward 16 - Eglinton - Lawrence

### **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 to 30 km/h on Rosewell Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West.

Transportation Services was requested to review the feasibility of reducing the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Rosewell Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue. The technical criteria to warrant a 30 km/h maximum speed limit is satisfied based on the presence of schools abutting the roadway.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Designate a 30 km/h maximum speed limit on Rosewell Avenue from Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with implementation of a 30 km/h speed limit zone on Rosewell Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West are included within the Transportation Service 2017 Operating Budget.

## DECISION HISTORY

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the local residents to investigate the feasibility of lowering the speed limit on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West, to address pedestrian safety concerns. A petition, meeting the minimum criteria of support by at least 25% of the residents, has been submitted to staff.

Rosewell Avenue is designated as a two-way north/south local road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is a municipal sidewalk for the entire length of Rosewell Avenue on the east side of the road. Sidewalks are provided on the west side of the street from Glenview Public School southerly, and the pavement width is 8.5 metres. There are three schools located on Rosewell Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West: John Ross Robertson Junior Public School, Glenview Senior Public School and Havergal College.

City Council, at its meeting on May 5, 2015 approved a city wide policy regarding the implementation requirements for a 30 km/h speed limit. The criteria recommended for the implementation of a 30 km/h speed limit is based on the development of four warrants:

- A. Petition (ensures there is a basic level of community support);
- B. Road Environment (classification, pavement width, speeds and volumes);
- C. School and Cycling Environment (proximity to schools, parks and cycling facilities);
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- C. Pedestrian and Traffic Environment (existence of sidewalks, parking, geometric design elements).

These warrants will assist staff in determining when to consider a reduction in the speed limit to 30 km/h even in the absence of traffic calming measures.

The criteria for the implementation of a 30 km/h speed limit have been examined. It has been determined that the warrant criteria is satisfied, specifically warrant "C" - School and Cycling Environment, as there are three schools located on Rosewell Avenue.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over a three year period ending March 31, 2017, indicates that there have been no reported collisions involving speeding or pedestrians on Rosewell Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Glengrove Avenue West.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations in this staff report.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Speed Limit Reduction - Rosewell Avenue