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Councillor Frances Nunziata

Council Speaker

Ward 11 York South—Weston



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To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council

Re: Reducing the speed limit on certain streets in Ward 11 to 30 km/hr

SUMMARY:

With the adoption of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, there have been increased requests to my office for speed limit reductions on local roads in Ward 11.

-Wall Avenue-
Wall Avenue, which runs between Langside Avenue and Portage Avenue, is a local road with two-way operation; sidewalks are absent on both sides of the road. The legal speed limit is 40 km/hr. In response to a petition submitted to my office for traffic calming, Transportation Services conducted speed and volume counts on the street and determined that the technical warrants for traffic calming were not met; a reduction in the speed limit to 30 km/hr is being sought instead.

-Henrietta Street-
Henrietta Street, which runs from Castleton Avenue to the east limit of the road, is a local road with two-way operation and sidewalks on both sides of the road. In 2016, the speed limit on a section of the road was reduced, making the legal speed limit on Henrietta Street, from Runnymede Road to the east limit of the street 40 km/hr; the speed limit on Henrietta Street from Castleton Avenue to Runnymede Road is 50 km/hr. I am requesting that the speed limit on the full length of Henrietta Street from Castleton Avenue to the east limit of the road be reduced to 30 km/hr.

-Rockcliffe Boulevard-
Rockcliffe Boulevard, from Alliance Avenue to Terry Drive/Woolner Avenue, is a collector road with two-way operation, a sidewalk on the east side, and a multi-use trail on the west side of the road. The legal speed limit is 40 km/hr. Rockcliffe Middle School is located on the east side of Rockcliffe Boulevard. In recent years, a pinch point crossing was installed in front of Rockcliffe Middle School to reduce the crossing distance for students using the TTC, and to facilitate a connection from the east to the Black Creek Trail west of Rockcliffe Boulevard. The school's Traffic Management Committee has requested that the speed limit on Rockcliffe Boulevard, from Alliance Avenue to Terry Drive/Woolner Avenue, be reduced to 30 km/hr to improve the safety of students travelling to and from school.

-Guestville Avenue-
Guestville Avenue runs from Eglinton Avenue West to the south limit of the road. The road has a two-way operation and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The legal speed limit is 40 km/hr. Our Lady of Victory Catholic School is located on Guestville Avenue. It is proposed that the speed limit be reduced to 30 km/hr.

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-Dennis Avenue-
Dennis Avenue runs from Guestville Avenue to Weston Road. The road operates one-way eastbound, with sidewalks on both sides of the road. The legal speed limit is 40 km/hr. Dennis Avenue Community School is located on the south side of Dennis Avenue. There have been requests in the past for traffic calming on this street, however upon study by Transportation Services, the technical warrants were not met. The school's Traffic Management Committee has since requested that the speed limit on Dennis Avenue be reduced to 30 km/hr.

-Ralph Street-
Ralph Street runs from Macdonald Avenue to Lawrence Avenue West. The road has two-way operation with a sidewalk on the west side of the road from Macdonald Avenue to Rosemount Avenue. No sidewalk exists on the west side of Ralph Street between Rosemount Avenue and Lawrence Avenue West, or on the west side of Ralph Street. The legal speed limit is 40 km/hr. C R Marchant Middle School is located on the west side of Ralph Street. I have been working with representatives from the school to implement measures to enhance the safety of students; reducing the speed limit on Ralph Street to 30 km/hr is one such measure.

-Hillborn Avenue-
Hillborn Avenue runs from Symes Road to McCormack Street. The road has two-way operation, with a sidewalk on the north side of the road. The legal speed limit is 40 km/hr. Hillborn Avenue is a curved road which leads up a hill. Transportation Services are currently considering a request for the installation of traffic calming on this street; in the meantime, we should move forward with a reduction in the speed limit to 30 km/hr.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Direct Transportation Services to reduce the speed limit on the following roads in Ward 11 to 30 km/hr:

    a. Wall Avenue
    b. Henrietta Street
    c. Rockcliffe Boulevard, between Alliance Avenue and Terry Drive/Woolner Avenue
    d. Guestville Avenue
    e. Dennis Avenue
    f. Ralph Street
    g. Hillborn Avenue

Sincerely,

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