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To: North York Community Council; Councillor Minnan-Wong; Councillor Pasternak; Councillor Filion; Councillor Carroll; Councillor Jaye Robinson; Councillor Colle8
Cc: Fripp, Carol Burtin; Cycle Toronto; walk toronto steering; Barbara Gray; Holly Reid; Shawn Dartsch
Subject: NY 9.12 Leaside Traffic Management Plan
Attachments: CDVM NY9.12 Leaside traffic mgmt plan Oct 2019 Final.pdf

Dear Ms. Adamo

Please find attached letter from Cycle Don Valley Midtown on the above item

regards

Geoff and Holly

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North York Civic Centre
Main floor, 5100 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON M2N 5V7
Attention: Francine Adamo

RE: NY9.12 Leaside Traffic Management Plan and Speed Limit Reduction

Dear Chair James Pasternak and Members, North York Community Council,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the cycling advocate for Wards 15 and 16, in liaison with Cycle Toronto.

We support Councillor Jaye Robinson's Motion that North York Community Council reduce the speed limit to 30 km/h on the streets or segments of streets identified in Attachment 1 (to the Motion). We also support the portion of the motion that would direct Transportation Services to work with the Leaside community to evaluate their traffic concerns and develop a Traffic Management Plan. We note that that care should be taken to be evidence-based, to consult broadly, to focus on street design and particularly "complete streets", and to bear in mind the Toronto City Council recent acknowledgement of a Climate Emergency.

Speed, volume, and lack of compliance with traffic laws and posted signage are identified concerns in the motion which we share because they increase the risk for all road users but especially pedestrians and people on bikes. We have worked with the Leaside Property Owners' Association (LPOA) on its Traffic Calming Plan, developing a complementary Leaside Cycling Plan designed to bring safe and connected routes to the area.

We support moving forward as soon as possible with a City-led Leaside Traffic Management Plan that will identify long-term, comprehensive solutions to these safety issues in consultation with community stakeholders, including the local cycling community. We know that the presence of cyclists on our roads can assist with traffic calming and the Leaside Traffic Management Plan can serve to encourage more people to bike in Leaside, whether for utility (shopping, commuting) or recreational purposes, by ensuring that cycling safety is enhanced.

In advance of a comprehensive plan for physical measures, we urge the Community Council to implement speed limit reductions throughout the

neighbourhood as an immediate first step in enhancing the safety of all road users.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Reid and Geoff Kettel
Co-Captains

c.c. Leaside Property Owners Association
Cycle Toronto
Walk Toronto
Transportation Services Division