

Speed Limit Reduction - Sammon Avenue

Date: December 5, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 19, Beaches - East York

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that 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 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue. The implementation of the 30 km/h speed limit will promote a reduced operating speed on this section of roadway where traffic calming (speed humps) are present, and addresses the residents' concerns with regard to vehicle speeds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with implementing a 30 km/h speed are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on Sep 6, 2017, staff submitted a report to Toronto East York Community Council to deny the installation of Traffic Calming (speed humps) on Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue. The Council decision can be found at:

[Agenda Item History - 2017.TE26.115](#)

At its meeting on July 4, 2018, Toronto East York Community Council approved the installation of speed humps on Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, upon recommendation from former Councillor Janet Davis via a Motion. The Motion did not include a "30 km/h" speed limit reduction, therefore, the speed limit reduction is recommended as part of this report. The Council decision can be found at:

[Agenda Item History - 2018.TE34.199](#)

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the recommendations outlined in a Motion submitted by former Councillor Janet Davis, to its July 4, 2018, Toronto East York Community Council meeting and noted that the recommendation to lower vehicle speeds on Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue was not included as a part of the traffic calming Motion.

Existing Conditions

Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, is a collector road that operates with two-way east/west traffic. It has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume that ranges from 500 to 4,000 vehicles. The pavement width on Sammon Avenue is about 8.5 metres and there are sidewalks provided on both sides. There is no TTC service provided on Sammon Avenue.

Transportation Services staff evaluated Sammon Avenue for lowering the speed limit to 30 km/h. Since a 30 km/h speed is implemented as part of the Traffic Calming Policy, staff recommends the reduction in the posted speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Sammon Avenue, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue.

Councillor Brad Bradford has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G - 3247, dated December 2018

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