

Speed Limit Reduction - Dufferin Street (Delegated)

Date: December 4, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and College Street.

In response to resident concerns, Transportation Services staff reviewed a request for a 40 km/h speed limit on Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and Sylvan Avenue. The results of the assessment indicate that the more appropriate speed limit on this section of Dufferin Street would be 40 km/h.

As this staff report concerns a minor arterial roadway, 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council reduce speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and College Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds for the installation of signs are available within the Transportation Services 2019 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of area residents, and in consultation with Councillor Ana Bailão, Transportation Services staff have investigated a reduction of the existing 50 km/h speed limit to 40 km/h on Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and Sylvan Avenue.

Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and Sylvan Avenue, is a 4-lane road that carries approximately 15,000 vehicles per day. Dufferin Street is classified as a minor arterial between Queen Street West and College Street, and as a major arterial road between College Street and Sylvan Avenue. The road is about 12.8 metres wide, and parking is generally permitted on both sides except for rush hour parking prohibitions in both directions. Permit parking is in force between midnight and 7 a.m., daily. Sidewalks are provided on both sides of the road. The operating speed (85th percentile) is approximately 49 km/h. TTC operates the "29-Dufferin" bus route on Dufferin Street.

In July 2016, as part of the City's Road Safety Plan, City Council approved a reduction of the speed limits from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on most arterial roads in the area, including Queen Street West, Dundas Street West, and College Street.

As part of the City's Vision Zero School Zone Safety initiative, the segment of Dufferin Street between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West was designated a community safety zone in June 2018. As such, speeding fines are doubled through this area, and "Watch Your Speed" boards have been installed in both directions. Pending supporting provincial legislation, this area will also be eligible for automated speed enforcement.

Based on the presence of an elementary/ middle school immediately adjacent to Dufferin Street and an operating speed of 49 km/h, which is below the 50 km/h maximum, Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and Sylvan Avenue, meets the warrant for a 40 km/h speed limit. A reduced speed limit would also match the residential nature of the area and the speed limits on intersecting arterial roads. As such, Transportation Services recommends a reduction of the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Dufferin Street, between Queen Street West and College Street.

It is noted that a companion report is also submitted relating to a speed limit reduction on the major arterial section of Dufferin Street, between College Street and Sylvan Avenue. City Council approval of that speed limit reduction is required.

Councillor Ana Bailão has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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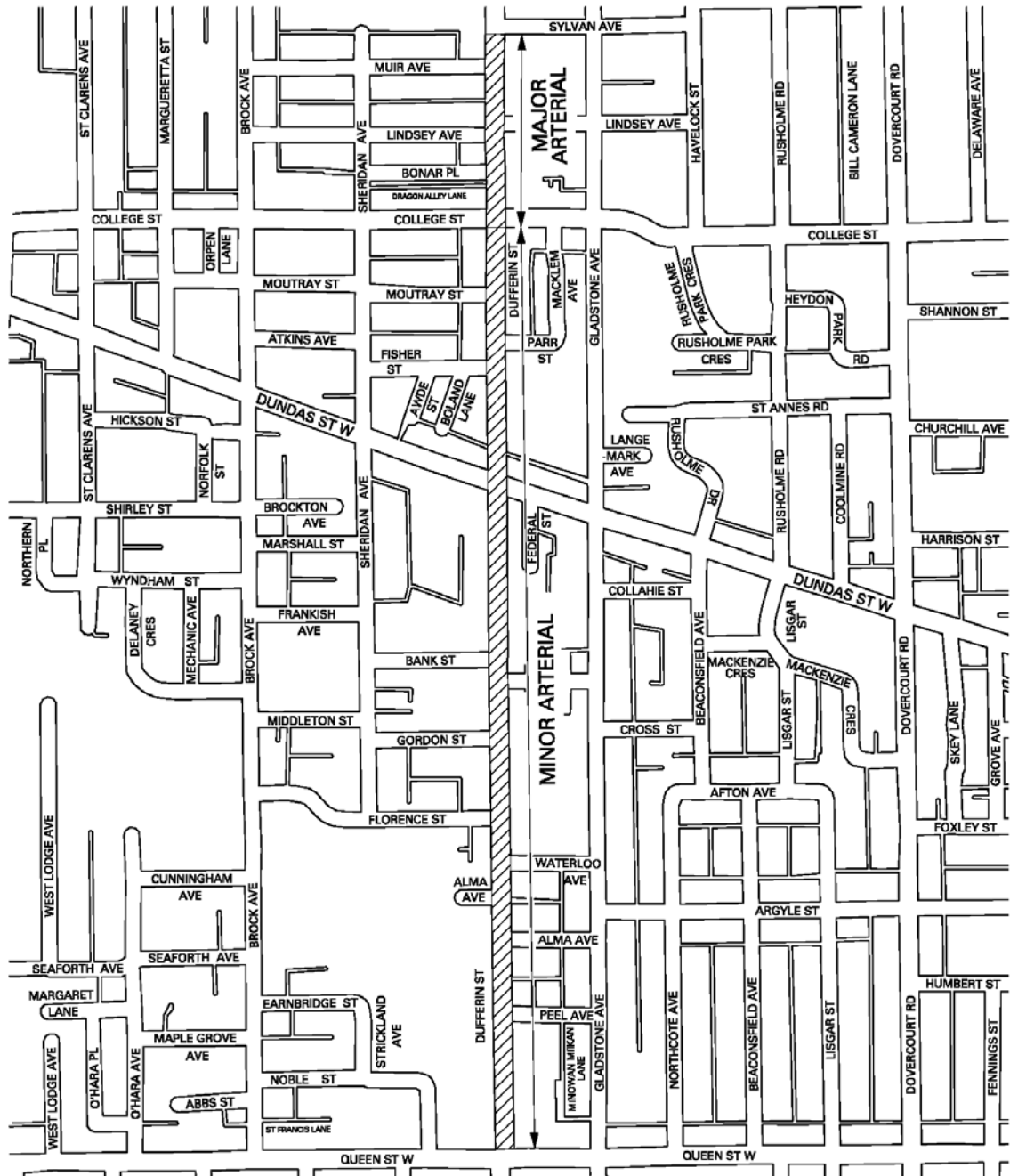
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3242, dated December 2018

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LEGEND
 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION
 FROM 50 km/h TO 40 km/h

NOTE:
 INFORMATION ON THIS PLAN IS BASED
 ON OFFICE RECORDS AND IS SUBJECT
 TO FIELD VERIFICATION.

DUFFERIN ST: QUEEN ST W - SYLVAN AVE PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION



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