

October 3, 2019

Toronto and East York Community Council City Hall, Committee Room 1 100 Queen St W Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Speed Limit Reduction – Niagara Street

There is no number of deaths or serious injuries on our streets that is acceptable. Each one is preventable. As a City, we must prioritize and accelerate measures to make our streets safe and accessible for all road users, especially vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists.

In 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council directed that all roads within the district classified as local streets be reduced to a 30 km/h speed limit. Despite its local residential character, Niagara Street is technically classified as a collector roadway, and as a result the speed limit remained at 40 km/h.

I am writing to recommend that the speed limit on Niagara Street be reduced to 30 km/h.

In addition, my office has received a petition requesting additional traffic calming measures be implemented on Niagara Street. Following analysis of updated traffic counts and a speed study, I anticipate that Community Council will be requested to approve speed humps and/or other traffic calming measures at an upcoming meeting.

Recommendation:

1. Toronto & East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Niagara Street, between King Street West and Bathurst Street.

Sincerely,

Joe Cressy