September 8, 2021

RE: Installation of Speed Cushions on Tandridge Crescent

Dear Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council,

The Tandridge community is a close and tight-knit residential neighbourhood located in the Northeast corner of Etobicoke North. With single family dwellings, co-ops, townhomes, a Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) building and Braeburn Junior School, there are many children and young families typically out and about in the area – whether it is going to school or meeting up with friends to play at the local basketball court.

With a consistent flow of people outside around the neighbourhood, there have been countless concerns raised over the past few years from residents regarding vehicles speeding and driving both dangerously and recklessly.

Unfortunately, these concerns have been amplified by the recent tragic shooting that took place this June in the Tandridge community, where three children were injured at a birthday party. In the aftermath of this saddening event, at a local community meeting with Mayor Tory, one resounding concern was the consistency and frequency of speeding vehicles in the neighbourhood. These community members informed us that oftentimes many of the speeding vehicles are from other neighbourhoods outside of the Tandridge community, and in some cases are entering the area for nefarious purposes.

Following this community meeting, residents unanimously supported the idea of installing traffic calming measures on Tandridge Crescent to address speeding concerns. The installation of speed humps is also supported by two residents’ associations in the area- the Tandridge Community Collective Group and the Tandridge Residents Cooperative.

Following discussions with my office, Transportation Services staff from the City of Toronto, as well as staff at the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are supportive of the installation of speed cushions to alleviate speeding in the neighbourhood and act as critical traffic calming measures.

This motion is requesting to waive the polling requirements under the City’s Traffic Calming Policy, authorize the installation of speed cushions on Tandridge Crescent, reduce the speed limit on Tandridge Crescent from 40km/hr to 30km/hr and prepare the necessary by-laws to make these alterations to the roadway.
RECOMMENDATIONS

Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Waive the polling requirement under the City's Traffic Calming Policy and authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed cushions) on Tandridge Crescent.

2. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of six speed cushions on Tandridge Crescent, generally as shown on drawings number EY21-036 dated August 2021 and attached to the letter (September 8, 2021) from Councillor Michael Ford.

3. Subject to approval of Recommendations 1 and 2 above, the Etobicoke York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on the entire length of Tandridge Crescent, in conjunction with the installation of speed cushions.