

Kennedy Road By-law Revision (Ward 20, Ward 21, and Ward 22)

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To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Project Design and Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest; Ward 21, Scarborough Centre; Ward 22, Scarborough-Agincourt

SUMMARY

This staff report is about speed limit reductions on major arterial roadways, requiring City Council approval.

The purpose of this report is to recommend speed limit "housekeeping" by-law amendments for Kennedy Road, between Steeles Avenue East and Danforth Road, to accurately reflect speed limit reduction recommendations previously presented to City Council and Scarborough Community Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director Project Design and Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on Kennedy Road between Danforth Road and Steeles Avenue East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of this report as the posted signage on Kennedy Road between Danforth Avenue and Steeles Avenue East already reflects the 50 km/h speed limit.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 8, 2020, Scarborough Community Council approved speed limit reductions on approximately 100 kilometres of minor arterial and collector roadways in Scarborough. The Community Council decision can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.SC11.8>

At its meeting of July 16, 17 and 18, 2019, City Council unanimously approved the Vision Zero 2.0 - Road Safety Plan Update, as amended. At this time, City Council approved speed limit reductions from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on nearly 250 kilometers of major arterial roadways across the City as part of the Speed Management Strategy. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.IE6.8>

COMMENTS

As part of the 2019 and 2020 Vision Zero speed limit reductions on arterial and collector roadways, it was intended that Kennedy Road be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h between Steeles Avenue East to Danforth Road and from 50 km/h to 40 km/h between Danforth Road and Highview Road. These intended reductions were in line with similar reductions along other arterial and collector roadways, were communicated to the affected Councillors and were assumed to be approved at City Council and Community Council.

Unfortunately, the necessary by-laws to affect these changes were not correctly presented for the section of Kennedy Road between Steeles Avenue East and Danforth Road. The proposed changes in this report would correct the speed limit by-laws to reflect the intended reductions and ensure that the signed speed limit can be correctly enforced.

The Ward Councillors have been informed of the recommendations of this report.

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