

Morningside Avenue, St. Clair Avenue East, and Warden Avenue Speed Limit By-law Revision

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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; Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood; Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

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 to correct by-law amendments previously presented to Scarborough Community Council in January 2020 so that they properly align with the by-laws for speed limit reduction recommendations previously presented to City Council in July 2019 for the following locations:

- Morningside Avenue between Kingston Road and Tams Road/Pan Am Drive, and between Milner Avenue and Finch Avenue East;
- St. Clair Avenue East between Kingston Road and Danforth Road, and between Kennedy Road and Birchmount Road; and
- Warden Avenue between Steeles Avenue East and Arkona Drive/Clover Leaf Gate, and between Metropolitan Road a point 305 metres north of Mack Avenue.

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 Morningside Avenue between Kingston Road and Tams Road/Pan Am Drive.
2. City Council reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on Morningside Avenue between Milner Avenue and Finch Avenue East.

3. City Council reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on St. Clair Avenue East between Kingston Road and Danforth Road.
4. City Council reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on St. Clair Avenue East between Kennedy Road and Birchmount Road.
5. City Council reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on Warden Avenue between Steeles Avenue East and Arkona Drive/Clover Leaf Gate.
6. City Council reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on Warden Avenue between Metropolitan Road and a point 305 metres north of Mack Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of this report as the posted signage on the three roadways 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, the following reductions on the applicable corridors were intended:

- Morningside Avenue be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h between Lawrence Avenue East and Tams Road/Pan Am Drive and between Milner Avenue and Finch Avenue East;
- St. Clair Avenue East be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h between Birchmount Road and Kingston Road; and
- Warden Road be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h between Steeles Avenue East and Arkona Drive/Clover Leaf Gate and between Metropolitan Road and a point 305 metres north of Mack Avenue.

These reductions were in line with similar reductions along other arterial and collector roadways and were communicated to the affected Councillors.

Unfortunately, the necessary by-laws to affect these changes were not correctly presented for these locations. The proposed changes in this report will 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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