

Pharmacy Avenue Speed Limit Reduction (Ward 21 and Ward 22)

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To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Project Design & Management, Transportation Services

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

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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.

The purpose of this report is to recommend speed limit reductions from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on two segments of Pharmacy Avenue as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Management Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Pharmacy Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and a point approximately 40 metres south of Wishing Well Drive (south intersection).
2. Scarborough Community Council reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on Pharmacy Avenue between Alrita Crescent and a point approximately 50 metres north of Shandon Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the speed limit signs included within this report is approximately \$2,000. Funding is available in Transportation Services' 2021 Capital Budget.

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 as part of the Speed Management Strategy. 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 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 Road Safety Plan Speed Management Strategy speed limit reductions, a 10 km/h speed limit reduction was considered for all collector roadways with a speed limit of 50 km/h or greater. Two segments of Pharmacy Avenue have since been identified that were missed as part of this process.

It is recommended to reduce the speed limit on Pharmacy Avenue between Sheppard Avenue East and a point approximately 40 metres south of Wishing Well Drive (south intersection) from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. Staff have reviewed the speed limit on this collector roadway and this speed limit reduction is recommended based on the adjacent residential land uses and driveway frequency.

It is also recommended to reduce the speed limit on Pharmacy Avenue between Alrita Crescent and a point approximately 50 metres north of Shandon Drive from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. Staff have reviewed the speed limit on this collector roadway and this speed limit reduction is recommended based on the adjacent residential land uses, presence of an adjacent school building and driveway frequency as well as to have consistency with the speed limit on Pharmacy Avenue to the south.

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

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