



Monday, August 23, 2021

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

Dear Chair and Council Members,

**RE: Reducing the Speed Limit on Church Street between Bloor Street East and The Esplanade**

A local resident submitted a petition to my office with over 100 signatures expressing concern for the safety of pedestrians and CafeTO patio patrons and requesting the reduction of the speed limit on Church Street to 30km/h.

As outlined in the City of Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Management Strategy, higher speeds can contribute to a higher risk of serious injury and fatalities. While we have made significant strides over the past few years towards making our streets safer for all road users, through speed limit reductions and traffic calming measures, my office in partnership with community stakeholders continues to identify and assess new opportunities to improve safety.

Reducing the speed limit along the entire stretch of Church Street from Bloor Street East to The Esplanade will have a positive impact for thousands of residents, parents walking their children to and from school, and for the businesses with CafeTO patios so their patrons feel safe.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

1. The Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit along the following roadway to 30 kilometres per hour: Church Street between Bloor Street East and The Esplanade.
2. The Toronto and East York Community Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to install relevant speed limit signage along the roadway segments outlined in Recommendation 1 above, as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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