

Speed Limit Reduction - Lourdes Lane and Homewood Avenue

Date: September 23, 2021

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending speed limit reduction to 30 km/h on Lourdes Lane, from Sherbourne Street to Wellesley Place, and on Homewood Avenue, from Lourdes Lane to Wellesley Street East. Reducing the speed limit on these streets to 30 km/h will promote lower operating speeds for motorists and will be consistent with the posted speed limit on adjacent local streets in the surrounding neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 30 km/h on Lourdes Lane, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Homewood Avenue, between Lourdes Lane and Wellesley Street East.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing 40 km/h speed limit on Homewood Avenue, between Carlton Street and the north end of Homewood Avenue, to be in effect between Carlton Street and Wellesley Street East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed speed limit reductions are approximately \$1,400. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of an area resident, and in consultation with the Ward Councillor, Transportation Services investigated reducing the speed limit to 30 km/h on Lourdes Lane (Sherbourne Street to Wellesley Place), and on Homewood Avenue (Lourdes Lane to Wellesley Street East) in order to address speeding concerns on these roadways.

Existing Conditions

Lourdes Lane, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7 metres
- The unposted regulatory speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Homewood Avenue, between Lourdes Lane and Wellesley Street East, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres
- The posted speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in this area consists of condo residential buildings and Wellesley-Magill Park.

A map of the area and locations of the proposed 30 km/h speed limit is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Changes

In 2015, Toronto and East York District directed that all roads within the district classified as local streets be reduced to a 30 km/h speed limit (Item TE8.1 and TE11.72).

Transportation Services staff determined that both Lourdes Lane and Homewood Avenue did not have an assigned road classification when this item was approved by Toronto and East York Community Council in 2015. As such, both roadways were excluded from the list of local streets receiving a 30 km/h speed limit reduction. In 2018 both roadways were classified as "local roadways", however, the 30 km/h speed limit was not by-lawed at the time. In this regard, Transportation Services is recommending that the speed limit be reduced to 30 km/h on Lourdes Lane (Sherbourne Street to Wellesley Place), and on Homewood Avenue (Lourdes Lane to Wellesley Street East) in keeping with the decision rendered by Toronto and East York Community Council in 2015, that all roads within the district classified as "local streets" be reduced to a 30 km/h speed limit.

Reducing the speed limit on the subject roads to 30 km/h will also promote lower operating speeds for motorists and will be consistent with the posted speed limits on adjacent local streets in the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map-Speed Limit Reduction - Lourdes Lane and Homewood Avenue

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