

## **Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Limit Reductions to 30 km/h on Local Roads and Public Lanes - Eatonville Neighbourhood Area in Ward 2**

**Date:** June 9, 2022

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Director, Project Design & Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 2, Etobicoke Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about speed limit reductions 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 Vision Zero Speed Management Strategy includes a program for reducing speed limits on local roads, as defined in the City's Road Classification System and public lanes or public alleys, to 30 km/h on a neighbourhood basis.

At its meeting of May 27, 2022, Etobicoke York Community Council approved, as amended, recommendations for speed limit reductions to 30 km/h on public lanes and public alleys and local roads in the Etobicoke York Community Council area as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Management Strategy in Ward 1 and Ward 3. As part of Community Council's consideration of that report, a motion was passed, directing staff to extend the 30 km/h speed limit reductions to the Eatonville Neighbourhood of Ward 2.

The purpose of this report is to recommend area-based speed limit reductions to 30 km/h on public lanes or public alleys and local roads in the area noted above as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Management Strategy.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council designate the areas in Ward 2 as a designated area with an associated speed limit of 30 km/h, with the exception of specified excluded highways or bridges, and amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950,

Traffic and Parking, generally as outlined in Attachment 1 to the report (June 9, 2022) from the Director, Project Design and Management.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The financial cost of installing the speed limit signs included within this report is approximately \$15,000. Funding is available in the Transportation Services 2022 Capital Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting of May 17, 2021, Etobicoke York Community Council approved recommendations for speed limit reductions to 30 km/h on public lanes or public alleys and local roads in the Etobicoke York Community Council area as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Management Strategy in Ward 5 and Ward 7. As part of that report, the priority was outlined for the remaining wards to receive similar speed limit reductions. The Community Council decision can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.EY24.21>

At its meeting of April 7 and 8, 2021, City Council approved changes to the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 through the creation of Schedule XLV (Part 1): Designated Areas – Reduced Speed Areas. This new schedule allows for the introduction of designated areas with an associated speed limit of 30 km/h, with the exception of specified excluded highways or bridges. In addition, at this meeting City Council delegated final decision-making authority to Community Councils with respect to public lanes or public alleys for a number of matters including speed limit setting. The Council decision can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.IE20.15>

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Area Speed Limits**

On April 7, 2021, City Council approved the addition of a new Schedule in the Toronto Municipal Code to facilitate the designation of areas in the City with reduced speed limits of 30 km/h. With the creation of Schedule XLV (Part 1): Designated Areas – Reduced Speed Areas, includes descriptions of the boundary of each area and any excluded highways or bridges contained within not governed by the area speed limit. The intention is that every local roadway and laneway in the City will ultimately be included in one such zone in order to have the speed limit set at 30 km/h.

The reduced speed limit within a designated area will be posted through signage at the transition point between roadways with a higher speed limit and the reduced speed limit area defined in Schedule XLV to let drivers know that they have entered the area. Similarly, the transition from a lower speed area would be posted through signage at the exit points of the designated areas between the local roadways with lower speed limits and any roadways with higher speed limits. Any collector or arterial roads with a higher speed limit within the reduced speed limit area would be specified as exceptions in Schedule XLV and signed with the appropriate speed limit.

### **Eatonville Village Speed Limit Reduction**

As outlined in the Vision Zero 2.0 staff report, the large-scale reduction in speed limits on public lanes and local roads will be a multi-year program with a significant amount of by-law amendments and new signage installations.

At its meeting of May 27, 2022, Etobicoke York Community Council approved speed limit reductions to 30 km/h on public lanes, public alleys and local roads in Ward 1 and Ward 3. As part of that report, a motion was passed, directing staff to extend the 30 km/h speed limit reductions to the Eatonville Neighbourhood of Ward 2.

This report introduces two new entries to Schedule XLV, covering the Eatonville Neighbourhood area of Ward 2 roughly bounded by The East Mall, Rathburn Road, Martin Grove Road, Burnhamthorpe Road, Kipling Avenue and Bloor Street West and all local roads and laneways contained within. By-law recommendations for designated areas to reduce speed limits to 30 km/h on public lanes and local roads in the remainder of Ward 2 will be presented to Etobicoke York Community Council at a future date.

The Ward Councillor has been informed of the recommendation of this report.

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### **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1 - Proposed Amendments to Speed Limits on Local Roads and Public Laneways in Eatonville Neighbourhood area of Ward 2