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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street W
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Re: Reduction of Speed Limit on Russell Hill Road, between Heath Street West and Kilbarry Road

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing to respectfully request the reduction of the speed limit on Russell Hill Road, between Heath Street West and Kilbarry Road from 40km/h to 30km/h. The Bishop Strachan School reached out to my office over very serious safety concerns around speeding and other forms of reckless driver behavior that endanger students. What is more, the sections of Russell Hill Road, north of Kilbarry and south of Heath Street West, which are both further away from the school, are currently designated as 30km/h, leaving this mid-section, directly abutting the school, at 40km/h. While Traffic Operations staff have explained that this is due to section being classified as a collector road, they certainly understand the safety concerns here and my office has worked with them in coming up with this recommendation that will go a long way to ensure safety in a school zone.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 kilometres an hour to 30 kilometres an hour on Russell Hill Road, between Heath Street West and Kilbarry Road.

Sincerely,

Councillor Josh Matlow
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