



September 6, 2023

North York Community Council
North York Civic Centre
5100 Yonge Street
North York, ON M2N 5V7

RE: Speeding Up to Slow Down – Reducing the Speed Limits in Wards 15 and 17

Dear Chair and Colleagues,

In 2019, City Council [committed](#) to reducing the speed limit on all local roads in Toronto to 30km/h through the introduction of Reduced Speed Areas (RSAs), as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan.

The first RSAs were approved by North York Community Council in May 2021 for Wards 6 and 18 ([NY24.20](#)), followed by Wards 8 and 16 in May 2022 ([NY32.22](#)). City staff have indicated that the report for Wards 15 and 17 is not expected until 2024 – five years after City Council approved the speed limit reductions in principle.

Excessive speeds have been identified as a key contributing factor to traffic-related injuries and fatalities. A collision at 60 km/h has a 95% likelihood of causing death compared to one at 40 km/h with a 30% likelihood. At 30 km/h, the rate of survival is over 90%. Slowing down traffic saves lives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The North York Community Council:

1. Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to explore options to accelerate the reduction of speed limits on local roads in Wards 15 and 17 to 30km/h, consistent with City Council's 2019 decision ([IE6.8](#)), and report back before the end of 2023 with an update.

Sincerely,



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City Councillor
Ward 15 – Don Valley West



Shelley Carroll
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