

Speed Limit Reduction - Helen Lu Road

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To: North York Community Council
From: Director (Acting), Engineering Review, Development Review
Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 17 - Don Valley North

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Review is recommending a 40 km/h speed limit on Helen Lu Road, between Don Mills Road and Forest Manor Road. This limit is proposed under the Assumption of services report for the development at 32-50 Forest Manor Road. Helen Lu Road has been dedicated as public road allowance. Currently there are traffic regulations on this street. The proposed speed limit is consistent with City policies and guidelines given the operation of the roadway and the surrounding residential/commercial nature of the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services and Director (Acting), Engineering Review, Development Review recommend that:

1. North York Community Council designate a 40 km/h maximum speed limit on Helen Lu Road, between Don Mills Road and Forest Manor Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with the adoption of this report as funding has been secured from the proponent of the development at 32-50 Forest Manor Road for the proposed speed limit signage.

DECISION HISTORY

Through the Section 37 Agreement associated with the Draft Plan of Subdivision, Application No. 06 191462 NNY 33 SB and Official Plan/Zoning By-Law Amendment, Application No. 04 194214 NNY 24 OZ the applicant was required to construct a new public road (Helen Lu Road).

North York Community Council Agenda Item 2007.NY7.42, which considered the above applications, was adopted with amendments on June 26, 2007.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2007.NY7.42>

At it's hearing from July 16-19, 2007, City Council adopted agenda item NY7.42 with motions including construction of the new road be completed prior to the issuance of building permits for Phase 4.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-07-16-cc11-dd.pdf>

COMMENTS

Helen Lu Road was dedicated as a public highway as a condition of the draft plan of subdivision. Helen Lu Road connects to Don Mills Road at its western terminus and Forest Manor Road at its eastern terminus.

Existing Conditions

Helen Lu Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, unassumed roadway;
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres at the eastern terminus to approximately 11.0 metres at the western terminus;
- There is a compulsory stop on Helen Lu Road at the eastern terminus with Forest Manor Road and a traffic control signal at the western terminus with Don Mills Road
- Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of Helen Lu Road for the entire length of the street
- The speed limit is 50 km/h;
- There are sidewalks located on the north side of the street and on the south side for the entire length of the street.

Proposed Changes

As a result of the approved applications for the development proposal at 32-50 Forest Manor Road, changes are necessary because of the new public road that was introduced through the Draft Plan of Subdivision application. Changes are required to set a speed limit on Helen Lu Road.

Helen Lu Road is a new street dedicated as a public highway; the statutory 50 km/h speed limit is in effect.

A map of the area and proposed traffic amendments are included in Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Helen Lu Road (New Road) - Highlighted

