

## **Speed Limit Reduction - East Avenue**

**Date:** February 3, 2025

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

### **SUMMARY**

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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 a speed limit reduction on East Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue East and East Willow Gate/Mastwood Crescent (south intersection), from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. This regulation has already been signed in the field, however, the by-laws were not updated from the former City of Scarborough during the harmonization that occurred due to amalgamation in 1998. This report will correct this longstanding oversight and ensure the by-laws are aligned with the posted 40 km/h speed limit signage.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on East Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue East and East Willow Gate/Mastwood Crescent (south intersection).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications associated with the adoption of this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services' review disclosed that the posted 40 km/h speed limit on East Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue East and East Willow Gate/Mastwood Crescent (south intersection) is not currently by-lawed. It was enacted and by-lawed by the former City of Scarborough, but it appears this entry was not updated when the by-laws were harmonized as a result of the amalgamation that occurred on January 1, 1998.

### **Existing Conditions**

East Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue East and East Willow Gate/Mastwood Crescent (south intersection), is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 3,600 vehicles
- The by-lawed speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided by the 85A Sheppard bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in the area consists of detached residential dwellings. William G. Davis Junior Public School is located on the west side of the street. This subject section of East Avenue is within a designated Community Safety Zone.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

The adoption of the Recommendation in this report will correct the longstanding discrepancy between the posted signage and by-lawed speed limit on East Avenue. There will be no costs to the City of Toronto as the 40 km/h signage has already been posted. This designation will also allow for the installation and enforcement of Automated Speed Enforcement on East Avenue.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Speed Limit Reduction - East Avenue

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