

Dear Councillor Parthi Kandavel,

On behalf of area residents, I am requesting your support to direct City staff to **lower the speed limit to 30km/h on Sloley Road between Cathedral Bluffs Drive and Brookelawn Avenue**

Residents and parents are increasingly concerned about motorists traveling at high speeds along this section of Sloley Road, creating safety risks for children and other vulnerable road users as they walk and ride their bikes to school for pick up and drop-off. I, myself ride my bicycle with my two children to and from Fairmount Public School daily. Fairmount Public School currently does not have a school crossing guard. The roads surrounding this portion of Sloley Road are limited to 30 km/h, while the section of Sloley Road between Cathedral Bluffs Drive and Brookelawn Avenue is currently 40 km/h.

Existing Conditions:

- Fairmount Elementary Public School on the south side of this section of Sloley Road
- Daycare located south of this section of Sloley Road
- Sidewalks on both sides of the roadway
- Two-lane, east-west collector roadway
- Current speed limit: 40 km/h
- Button activated crosswalk at Sloley Road and Dorset Road
- No TTC service on the street
- Designated Community Safety Zone

Rationale for speed limit reduction:

- All surrounding streets are 30km/h
- High presence of vulnerable populations, including school children, preschool children, pedestrians, and seniors
- Increased risk of serious injury collisions in areas with concentrated pedestrian activity

According to the City of Toronto's Vision Zero program and the Hospital for Sick Kids, speed is an influencing factor in approximately one fourth of fatal collisions in Canada. Higher speeds contribute to inflicting more severe blunt force trauma on victims upon impact. For instance:

- 30 km/h = 10 per cent likelihood of fatality for vulnerable road user
- 40 km/h = 30 per cent likelihood of fatality for vulnerable road user

This factor would be higher for vulnerable pedestrians and bicycle riders like young children and seniors. We appreciate your consideration and support in making Sloley Road safer for all road users.

Sincerely,

Paula Draffen

Area resident and parent of students at Fairmount Public School

Road Classification Map:

