

Date: December 18, 2025

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Speed Limit Reduction - Dearham Wood (Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 24 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the January 13, 2026 meeting of Scarborough Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

Summary

- Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.

Draft Recommendations

- 1. Scarborough Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/hr to 30 km/hr on Dearham Wood, between Toynbee Trail and Galloway Road.*
- 2. Scarborough Community Council authorize the amendment of Schedule XLV (Part 1) to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to remove Dearham Wood, between Toynbee Trail and Galloway Road, from being excluded from the Designated Area such that this portion of highway will then be included within the corresponding designated area in Column 1 in Schedule XLV (Part 1).*

Transportation Services received a request from the Councillor's office to reduce the speed limit on Dearham Wood, between Toynbee Trail and Galloway Road, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h. The adjacent section of Dearham Wood, between Galloway Road and Poplar Road, was previously directed by Scarborough Community Council to be reduced to 30 km/h in 2020 ([Agenda Item History - 2020.SC12.23.](#)) The entire length of Dearham Wood is classified as a collector road.

In 2019, Vision Zero recommended speed limit reductions from 50 km/h to 40 km/h for collector roads ([Agenda Item History - 2019.IE6.8](#)), which included roads in residential

and non-residential areas. The function of collector roads is to provide access to property and traffic movement. There is no policy guidance or warrant criteria to recommend a speed limit reduction to 30 km/h on an area basis. 30 km/h speed limits are typically only installed on collector roads with traffic calming measures in place, which will reinforce the intended operating speeds. As a result, staff does not support the requested speed limit reduction on collector roads.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations below will be approximately \$500.00. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the councillor and approved by Scarborough Community Council.

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