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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Crescent Road – Road Safety (Delegated) – Ward 11, University-Rosedale

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 11 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the May 28, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

This memorandum is about matters that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

### **Summary**

- X Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below (Recommendation 1)
- X Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below (Recommendation 2)
- 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. *Toronto and East York Community Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to install sidewalk bollards on Crescent Road in the location shown in Drawing No. 421T-1176, dated May 2026*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Crescent Road, between Yonge Street and South Drive (east intersection).*

Transportation Services have been requested to develop safety measures on Crescent Road in order to improve the pedestrian environment, particularly for vulnerable road users (children, seniors, cyclists and pedestrians). The area is primarily residential and includes nearby parks, as well as Rosedale Junior Public School. Residents have expressed concerns with motorists driving onto the sidewalk due to the narrow roadway width, which in its narrowest section may only be 6.5 metres. Two-way traffic is

constrained by parking on one side (south side) and the TTC operation provided by the 82 Rosedale bus.

Transportation Services conducted a site visit in October 2025 and confirmed that unobstructed two-way traffic flow on Crescent Road may be negatively impacted as a result of the narrow road width, on-street parking, and TTC operations. Some motorists were observed mounting the sidewalk to proceed, particularly when a bus or a large truck was present. This behaviour poses a safety risk for pedestrians. In this regard, the Ward Councillor is requesting the following:

- the installation of sidewalk bollards on the north side of Crescent Road
- a speed limit reduction on Crescent Road, between Yonge Street and South Drive, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h
- enhancing the parking restrictions on both sides of Crescent Road
- undertaking a traffic calming (speed cushions) review on Crescent Road

The latter two items are non-delegated and will be addressed in a companion Technical Memorandum, titled " Crescent Road – Road Safety (Non-Delegated) - Ward 11, University-Rosedale" dated May 8, 2026.

Transportation Services can support the installation of bollards as shown in the attached drawing. Three steel bollards will be installed on the north side of the road, in a curved section where the sidewalk encroachments were specifically observed. This installation does not require Council approval or any by-law amendments.

Transportation Services does not support the 30 km/h speed limit reduction on Crescent Road, which 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 this road. 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.

### **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 above will be approximately \$950.00. 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 Community Council.

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