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**CHAIR, ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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RE: Improving Traffic Calming Measures on Blackthorn Avenue

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Blackthorn Avenue, between Rogers Road and Rowntree Avenue, is a local residential street operating as an important route for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. The area is also home to many families and young children who travel around the neighbourhood. To help address speeding concerns and improve road safety, five speed humps were installed on this section of Blackthorn Avenue in 2000.

Following the installation of improvements through the Silverthorn Cycling Connections Project, this section of Blackthorn Avenue was converted from two-way traffic to one-way southbound traffic. While these changes improved road safety in the area, residents on Blackthorn Avenue have highlighted a gap in the existing traffic-calming measures on this street. The distance between the southernmost speed hump and Rockwell Avenue is approximately 100 metres, creating a segment of roadway that encourages drivers to speed up. This distancing does not meet the City of Toronto's standard and appears to be an error in the previous design.

In response to these concerns, installing an additional speed hump is recommended. This extension of the existing measures will help reduce speeding and improve safety for all.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council install one additional speed hump on Blackthorn Avenue, between Rockwell Avenue and Rowntree Avenue, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on Drawing No. TC-675, dated March 2026, from the Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 76.2 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 61 metres further north.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between the first laneway north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 76.2 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking anytime from a point 76.2

metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 61 metres further north, on the even (west) side of Blackthorn Avenue from St. Clair Avenue West to Rockwell Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 42.5 metres north of Rockwell Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further north.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 37 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 6.5 metres further north.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 43.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 50.5 metres further north.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 94 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 80.5 metres further north.
9. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the even (west) side of Blackthorn Avenue from St. Clair Avenue West to Rockwell Avenue.
10. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 17 metres south of Rockwell Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further south, to be in effect between a point 10 metres south of Rockwell Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further south.
11. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing one-way highway on Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 117 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Rockwell Avenue, to be in effect between a point 136 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Rockwell Avenue.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Memorandum from Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Attachment 2: Drawing No. TC-675, dated March 2026, from the Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services