

Report to/Rapport au :

Transportation Committee
Comité des transports

and Council / et au Conseil

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SUBJECT: SPEED REDUCTION ON SHERWOOD DRIVE

**OBJET : RÉDUCTION DE LA LIMITE DE VITESSE SUR LA PROMENADE
SHERWOOD**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Transportation Committee recommend to Council that the speed limit along the entire section of Sherwood Drive between Carling Avenue and Holland Avenue be reduced to 40 km/h.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des transports recommande au Conseil d'approuver la réduction de la limite de vitesse sur la promenade Sherwood, entre les avenues Carling et Holland, à 40 km par heure.

BACKGROUND

In 2009, City Council approved the City's Speed Zoning Policy, which defines the process for establishing speed limits along City roadways. The existing unposted 50 km/h speed limit along the sections of Sherwood Drive between Carling Avenue and Holland Avenue is appropriate, based on the process for establishing speed limits as outlined in the Council approved Speed Zoning Policy.

DISCUSSION

The homeowners and residents along Sherwood Drive have forwarded a petition to the Councillor's office and the City, requesting that the speed limit between Carling Avenue and Parkdale Avenue be reduced to 40 km/h. The residents of Sherwood Drive have

approached the City numerous times over the years to look for solutions to slow the speed of traffic on their street. In the past, experimental zig-zag pavement markings were applied, 50km/h speed limit signs were removed, edge lines painted and speed display boards deployed, all in attempt to slow the speed of traffic. The latest speed data collected on July 30, 2013 by City staff shows Sherwood Drive operating at 54km/h, (the 85th Percentile Speed). The residents of Sherwood Drive believe that traffic within residential areas should travel at a lower rate of speed and that 50 km/h is too high.

The residents of the Civic Hospital Community have been diligent in requesting 40 km/h speed limit signs on their streets throughout the community and have followed the required petition process that the City has created by collecting signatures from their neighbours.

Sherwood Drive is classified as a collector roadway and is not eligible for the petition process. Only roadways classified as local residential roadways are eligible. The residents, during meetings with the Councillor and City staff, have indicated that it is only fitting that their collector street, feeding into the residential community, also be posted 40km/h.

Furthermore, Sherwood Drive connects to two busy arterial roadways, Carling Avenue and Parkdale Avenue. Residents report that this is an attractive commuter route to bypass the busy Carling Avenue at Parkdale Avenue intersection. Residents also report that Sherwood Drive is a popular cycling route for both recreational and commuter cyclists and is identified as a cycling route from Carling Avenue to Kenilworth Street but does not have any dedicated cycling facilities. There are also pedestrians, who travel along and across Sherwood Drive to access neighbourhood parks, a Montessori school and a daycare. Sherwood Drive is also a school bus route with pick up and drop offs of elementary school children along this roadway.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated to this report.

CONSULTATION

There have been numerous meetings and e-mail correspondence with the residents of Sherwood Drive with the Councillor's office and City staff, requesting that the City install 40 km/h speed limit signs on their street. A petition was received by the Councillor with overwhelming support for a posted 40 km/h speed limit by 88% of the residents. The subject has also been brought up at the Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association meeting and has received support.

Public Works Department Comment:

The Public Works Department will implement the new 40 km/hr speed limit upon Council approval of the recommendation by installing necessary signage and updating

the Traffic and Parking By-Law accordingly. Installation costs will be approximately \$3,000.

It should be noted that based on the speed surveys conducted on Sherwood Drive, which indicate an operating speed of 54 km/h, the Public Works Department does not expect the operating speed on Sherwood Drive between Carling and Holland Avenues to be significantly reduced as a result of the implementation of a lower posted speed limit of 40 km/hr.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Given the overwhelming support for speed reduction and given the City of Ottawa is not yet in a position to establish 40 km/h speed zones, I support this endeavour by residents.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendation in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the recommendation is approved the estimated cost to change the signage is \$3,000 and will be charged to the Public Works - Traffic Operations Signage Maintenance Operating Budget.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no impacts to accessibility associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated to this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

Information Technology approved this report without comment.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Speed Reduction on Sherwood Drive supports the "Governance and Decision-Making" long-term sustainability goals of the 2010-2014 Term of Council Priorities. The report aligns with the City's vision of a more informed, inclusive and open decision-making process.

DISPOSITION

The Public Works Department will implement the new 40 km/hr speed limit upon Council approval of the recommendation by installing necessary signage and updating the Traffic and Parking By-Law accordingly.