TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Jim Keech, President and CEO Utilities Kingston

RESOURCE STAFF: Mark Van Buren, Director of Engineering

DATE OF MEETING: June 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Unity Road – Lowering of Speed Limit

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A petition signed by twenty-nine residents was recently received by the Clerk’s Office with a request that the speed limit on Unity Road be lowered from 80 km/h to 60 km/h. Because the 80 km/h segment on Unity Road is only 850 meters long, the Engineering Department believes that it is appropriate to lower the speed limit to 60 km/h in order to be more consistent with the remainder of Unity Road between Sydenham Road and Perth Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council amend By-Law No. 2003-209, “A By-Law For Regulating Traffic in the Highways Of The City of Kingston, Subject To The Provisions Of The Highway Traffic Act” as amended, in order to reduce the speed limit on Unity Road, between Sydenham Road and Perth Road, from 80 km/h to 60 km/h, for a distance of 850 meters.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT & CEO, UTILITIES KINGSTON
Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

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(N/R indicates consultation not required)
OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

On March 9th, 2010 a petition signed by twenty-nine residents was received by the Clerk’s Office with a request that the speed limit on a portion of Unity Road between Sydenham Road and Perth Road, be lowered from 80 km/h to 60 km/h.

The residents of Unity Road believe that it is impractical to have a short segment posted at 80 km/h (850 meters) when it is adjacent to segments on either side with lower speed limits. To the west of the section posted at 80 km/h, the speed limit is 50 km/h and continues to the intersection with Sydenham Road for a distance of 790 meters. The 50 km/h section on Unity Road then continues west of Sydenham Road. To the east of the section posted at 80 km/h, the speed limit is 60 km/h and continues to the intersection of Perth Road for a distance of 1600 meters. The 60 km/h section on Unity Road then continues east of Perth Road.

Residents enjoy walking, jogging and cycling along this section of Unity Road and believe that a posted speed limit of 80 km/h is too high to safely enjoy these activities.

The Traffic Division has plans to present a speed limit policy to the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee in 2011. As part of this policy, guidelines will be established to deal with requests to lower speed limits in both urban and rural areas. In advance of the development of this policy and in consideration of the fact that the 80 km/h segment on Unity Road is so short in distance, the Engineering Department believes that it is appropriate to lower the speed limit to 60 km/h in order to be more consistent with the surrounding area.

For this reason, it is being recommended that the speed limit on Unity Road be lowered from 80 km/h to 60 km/h.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:


NOTICE PROVISIONS: Not Applicable

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS: Not Applicable

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no additional costs related to this change that need to be accommodated within the Engineering Department budget.

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OTHER CITY OF KINGSTON STAFF CONSULTED: Not Applicable

EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Appendix A, Draft by-law
Appendix B, Map of Area
BY-LAW NO. 2003-209 – TRAFFIC

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2003-209, “A BY-LAW FOR REGULATING TRAFFIC IN THE HIGHWAYS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT”, (AMEND SPEED LIMIT – Unity Road)

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Kingston enacts as follows:

1. By-law 2003-209, entitled “A By-law for Regulating Traffic in the Highways of the City of Kingston, Subject to the Provisions of the Highway Traffic Act”, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Add: To Schedule A-3 Highways with a limit of 60 Kilometres per Hour

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2. This by-law will come into force and take affect on the date of its passing.

GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, 2010

GIVEN THIRD READING AND PASSED, 2010

CITY CLERK

MAYOR