TO: Chair and Members  
   Public Works Committee  
WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARD 2  

COMMITTEE DATE: October 4, 2010  

SUBJECT/REPORT NO:  
Wood Street East between James Street North and Hughson Street North - Petition for a Speed Limit Reduction (PW10092) - (Ward 2)  
(Outstanding Business List)  

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RECOMMENDATION  
(a) That the existing 50 km/h speed limit on Wood Street East between James Street North and Hughson Street North be retained until the North End Traffic Management Study is considered;  
(b) That the item "Petition - Traffic Problems on Wood Street East" be identified as completed and removed from the Public Works Committee’s Outstanding Business List.  

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
Council has received a petition from thirteen area residents of Wood Street East between James Street North and Hughson Street North requesting three items relating to parking enforcement, parking regulations and a reduced speed limit.  
The requests for parking enforcement and the loading zone were forwarded to Parking Services staff for action. Parking enforcement was conducted, although no tags have been issued. Parking Enforcement staff has assigned a special enforcement detail for obstructed driveways on Wood between James and Hughson and is continuing to monitor this area.
Parking Services indicated that a petition for a loading zone was insufficiently signed. Councillor Bratina was advised and no further action was taken.

This section of Wood Street East is within the limits of the North End Traffic Management Study area which proposes a pilot project to reduce speed limits on most residential streets to 30 km/h, including Wood Street. It would be premature and potentially confusing to implement a 40 km/h speed limit now, only to have it revised to 30 km/h in the near future when the North End Traffic Management Study is implemented, so no action is recommended on this request at this time.

**FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: N/A  
Staffing: N/A  
Legal: N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

At the March 31st City Council meeting, a petition was received signed by thirteen area residents of Wood between James and Hughson requesting:

- parking enforcement of blocked driveway approaches;
- a Loading Zone for Fishers Pier 4 Restaurant; and
- a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

To implement a parking regulation change on a residential street, a minimum of 2/3 of the residents abutting the streets must be contacted, with a minimum of 51% having to be in favour of the proposed regulation. The petition for a “No Parking - Loading Zone” on the south side of Wood, adjacent to Fishers Pier 4 Restaurant was insufficiently signed as per the standard practice, as it was short by two signatures. Councillor Bratina was advised of this and no further action was taken.

Council recently approved a revision to the formal policy for setting speed limits on City streets. The policy is based on the Transportation Association of Canada speed limit setting guidelines. The policy confirms that 50 km/h is the appropriate speed limit for this section of Wood Street East. The policy only allows for 40 km/h adjacent to schools.

The recommendations contained in this report support the Mission Statement of the Public Works Business Plan “Innovate Now”, “Engage our citizens and promote a fair, diverse and accepting community”.

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**Values:** Honesty, Accountability, Innovation, Leadership, Respect, Excellence, Teamwork
RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The requests for parking enforcement and the loading zone were both forwarded to Parking Services staff for investigation and action. Councillor Bratina was advised of this and the fact staff did not support a reduced 40 km/h speed limit in March, when the petition was originally received.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The request was for parking enforcement of delivery vehicles to Fishers Pier 4 Restaurant obstructing driveways on both sides of Wood Street between James and Hughson. This was forwarded to Parking Enforcement staff, who in turn assigned a special enforcement detail. To date, no Parking Infraction Notices have been issued but the Parking Services staff advised they will continue to monitor this area for future violations.

This section of Wood Street East is within the limits of the North End Traffic Management Study area which proposes a pilot project to reduce speed limits on almost all neighbourhood streets, including Wood Street, to 30 km/h. It would be premature and potentially confusing to implement a 40 km/h speed limit now, only to have it revised to 30 km/h in the near future when the recommendations of the Traffic Management Study are implemented.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The 40 km/h regulation could be implemented now, but, as noted, that is not recommended.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendations contained within this report do not impact the Corporate Strategic Plan, as no changes are currently suggested.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A: Location Map
Requested 40 km/h Speed Limit

Wood Street North between James and Hughson

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REQUESTED 40 KM/H SPEED LIMIT

LEGEND

Requested 40 km/h Speed Limit

SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

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APPENDIX A
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