SUBJECT: Reduced Speed Limit - Mountain Avenue between King Street East and Lake Avenue Drive (PW07110) - (Ward 9)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the speed limit on Mountain Avenue between King Street East and Lake Avenue Drive, be set at 40 km/h;
(b) That the by-law outlined in Report PW07110 as Appendix “A” to amend the City of Hamilton Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Staff has received a request from Councillor Brad Clark, that the speed limit on Mountain Avenue between King Street East and Lake Avenue Drive be lowered to 40 km/h. The request meets the criteria of the approved policy for “Setting Speed Limits on City of Hamilton Roadways” since there are no sidewalks or curbs for a good portion of this narrow, winding residential street, and there are pedestrians present on a regular basis.

BACKGROUND:
The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affects Ward 9. Staff has received a request from Councillor Brad Clark that the speed limit on Mountain Avenue between King Street East and Lake Avenue Drive be lowered to 40 km/h. There have been 5 reported collisions on Mountain Avenue between King Street and Collegiate Avenue during the past 5 years. Two of these collisions involved single
motor vehicles that ran off the road and one involved a motorist that hit a parked vehicle.

Although recent speed studies did not reveal a speeding problem, there are no sidewalks or curbs on this winding residential street. As well, the lane widths are very narrow, there are no shoulders and there are deep ditches for part of the length. As such, a lower posted speed limit is appropriate. Therefore, staff supports lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**
This recommendation is in keeping with the approved speed limit policy and therefore, staff supports implementing a 40 km/h speed limit on the subject roadway.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**
One alternative would be to do nothing. However, compliance with the proposed 40 km/h speed limit on this narrow road provides the potential for additional safety benefits.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**
Sufficient funds are available in regular current accounts to cover the cost of manufacturing, erecting and maintaining the required signs.

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**
The subject recommendation meets the policy for a 40 km/h speed limit since there are no sidewalks abutting the majority this street.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**
Councillor Brad Clark supports a 40 km/h speed limit.

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**
By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, and economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

**Community Well-Being is enhanced.** ☑ Yes ☐ No
Public services and programs are delivered in an equitable manner, coordinated, efficient, effective and easily accessible to all citizens.
Participation in community life is accessible to all Hamiltonians.
The public are involved in the definition and development of local solutions.
Partnerships are promoted.

**Environmental Well-Being is enhanced.** ☐ Yes ☑ No
Human health and safety are protected.
Consumption of all natural resources is reduced.
Consumption of energy is reduced; alternative energy and co-generation are supported.
A sustainable transportation network provides many options for people and goods movement; vehicle-dependency is reduced.

**Economic Well-Being is enhanced.** ☑ Yes ☐ No
Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines?

☐ Yes  ☑ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants?

☑ Yes  □ No

The creation of a respectful, desirable and supportive workplace.
Life-long learning is supported.
LOCATION PLAN

RECOMMENDED
SPEED LIMIT CHANGES:
Mountain Avenue
King Street East to Lake Avenue Drive
CITY OF HAMILTON
Public Works Department

KEY MAP

Mountain Avenue between King Street East and Lake Avenue

LEGEND

SUBJECT ROAD
Proposed 40 km/h Speed Limit

SCALE
NOT TO SCALE

DATE
2007-09-12

REFERENCE FILE NO: PW07110
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. ________

To Amend By-law No. 01-215
Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic

WHEREAS Section 210(123) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, as amended, confers upon the councils of all municipalities the power to enact by-laws for regulating traffic on highways subject to the Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 314(7) of the Municipal Act confers upon councils of all municipalities the power to enact by-laws to provide for placing, regulating and maintaining upon the public highways traffic signs for the purpose of guiding and directing traffic;

AND WHEREAS on the 18th day of September, 2001, the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 01-215 to regulate traffic;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law No. 01-215;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Schedule 2 (Speed Limits) of By-law No. 01-215, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding to Section "F" thereof the following item, namely:

   "Mountain Ave.    King St. E.    Lake Ave. Dr.   40 "

2. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 01-215, including all Schedules thereto, as amended, is hereby confirmed unchanged.

3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

PASSED and ENACTED this day of , 2007

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Fred Eisenberger                   Kevin C. Christenson
Mayor                              City Clerk