



## MEMO to Development Services Committee

TO: **Development Services Committee**

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Re: **Administrative Amendment to City of Markham Speed Limit By-law 105-71**

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### **Purpose**

An administrative amendment to Markham's Speed Limit By-law 105-71 is a "house cleaning" exercise, which revises the general provisions so that they align with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (R.S.O 1990), address inaccuracies within the associated Schedules and consolidate all prior amendments to the By-law. No changes to existing speed limits on City streets are being proposed through this amendment.

### **Background**

The Ontario Highway Traffic Act authorizes the Council of a municipality to designate rates of speed on roads within its jurisdiction. As such, the City established Speed Limit By-Law 105-71 in 1971. Since its establishment 46 years ago, there has been no amendment to the general provisions, and as such, they no longer align with the existing Ontario Highway Traffic Act (R.S.O 1990) regulations.

As part of this administrative amendment, City staff also conducted a comprehensive review of the existing Speed Limit Schedules, including cross-referencing actual posted speed limits on City streets. The review identifies many instances of duplication, spelling errors and omitted streets.

Whenever a street is added/removed from the Schedule, street jurisdiction is transferred, or there is a change in posted speed limit, an individual by-law amendment is required. As such, the existing By-law has grown substantially in size to include hundreds of incremental amendments. This has resulted in a bloated legal document that cannot be effectively utilized.

### **Recommendation**

An amendment to the Speed Limit By-law is necessary in order to align with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (R.S.O. 1990), correct various errors, and provide an updated, accurate and consolidated legal document. Therefore, City staff recommends that Council repeal Speed Limit By-law 105-71 and replace it with the proposed 2017 Speed Limit By-law, as per Attachment "A".

### **Attachments**

Attachment "A" – New 2017 Speed Limit By-law and associated Schedules.