



Walk Toronto is a grassroots, volunteer pedestrian advocacy group that works to improve walking conditions and pedestrian safety in Toronto.

December 19, 2017

Barbara Gray, General Manager, Transportation Services
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
24th fl. E., 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Gray,

Re: 2017.PW24.5, Speed Limit on Bayview Avenue from Pottery Road (Northerly Intersection) to River Street Ramp

We are writing to request an explanation as to why 60 km/h speed limit signs replaced 50 km/h speed limit signs along Bayview Avenue *prior* to City Council's consideration of item 2017.PW24.5 (<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.PW24.5>) on December 8, 2017, *and prior* to the introduction and enactment of its related Bill No. 1410 (By-law No. 1412-2017) later the same day.

A member of the public remarked, through Twitter, that he saw a 60 km/h sign on the section of Bayview Avenue that was being proposed for a raised speed limit, on the evening of December 5, 2017 (see Appendix A). By-law No. 1412-2017 was not enacted until the afternoon of December 8, 2017: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewBillBylaw.do?meeting=2017.CC35>. And on December 8, 2017, we took photos of two 60 km/h speed limit signs on Bayview Avenue between 4:00 pm and 4:35 pm (see Appendix B).

The City of Toronto website states the following (source: <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bylaws/law-home/about-bylaws-and-code.htm>):

- A by-law is the legal instrument that City Council uses to exercise its powers.
- A by-law becomes effective on the date it is enacted unless it specifies otherwise.

Walk Toronto is puzzled by how and why installation of these signs was authorized and carried out in advance. It does not appear that proper procedures are being followed.

Furthermore, item 2017.PW24.5 was adopted on December 8 with the following amendment:

3 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Josh Matlow (Carried)
That to address pedestrian safety due to the increased speed limit, City Council direct the Director, Transportation Services to implement other measures to protect pedestrians (e.g. wayfinding, sidewalks).

In light of the speed limit having already been raised, we would like to know what the City is doing right now to address pedestrian safety in conjunction with this change.

We would also like to know when we can anticipate implementation of additional pedestrian safety measures (in advance of the delayed [Functional Planning Study for the potential reconfiguration of the Bayview Avenue Extension](#)), and what those measures might be. Walk Toronto would be happy to participate in any consultation regarding improving pedestrian safety along this roadway segment.

Yours truly,

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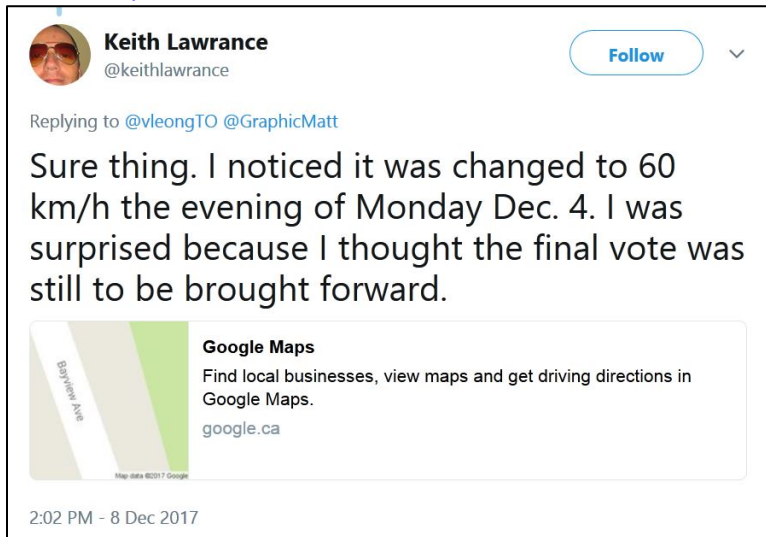
cc: Myles Currie, Director, Traffic Management Centre, Transportation Services
Mayor John Tory
Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Councillor Frances Nunziata, Council Speaker
Councillor Jon Burnside, Ward 26
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 27
Councillor Lucy Troisi, Ward 28
Councillor Mary Fragedakis, Ward 29
Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 22
Geoff Cape, CEO, Evergreen

Appendix A: Tweets

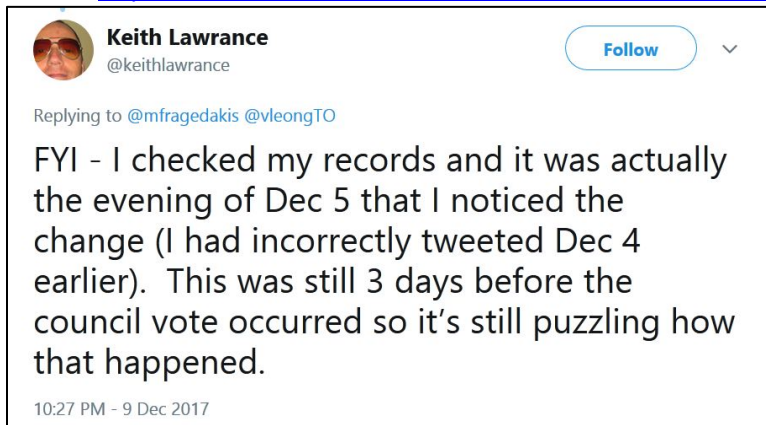
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(2) Source: <https://twitter.com/keithlawrance/status/939208654393196545>



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Appendix 2: Photos

- (1) View south on Bayview Avenue, at foot of Rosedale Heights School of the Arts. Location: <https://t.co/049eEpllzq> (as pinpointed by @keithlawrance on Twitter). Photo taken 4:06 pm, December 8, 2017



- (2) View south on Bayview Avenue, just south of intersection with Rosedale Valley Road. Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/68QuiGuXTCR2>

(a) Photo taken 4:33 pm, December 8, 2017



(b) Photo taken 4:34 pm, December 8, 2017

