

Proposal for the Installation of a Pedestrian Crossover on Steinway Boulevard (Rexdale-Thistleton)

(City Council on December 14, 15 and 16, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Etobicoke Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (November 9, 1999) from the Director of Transportation Services, District 2, subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) by striking out the words “138 metres” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “100 metres”:

Purpose:

To propose the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Steinway Boulevard at a point 138 metres west of the west limit of Signal Hill Avenue.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no cost implications associated with this report.

The funds associated with the installation of this pedestrian crossover, including all the related regulatory signage and pavement markings, have been provided by the developer through a letter of credit.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a pedestrian crossover be installed on Steinway Boulevard at a point 138 metres west of the west limit of Signal Hill Avenue; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills that may be required.

Background:

A development application was received from Signet Development Corporation proposing a 681-stall parking lot on the south side of Steinway Boulevard, west of Signal Hill Avenue. The proposed parking lot is located opposite TorPharm Inc. at 50 Steinway Boulevard, and will be used for overflow parking purposes. A substantial number of pedestrians will need to cross Steinway Boulevard to access the main building at 50 Steinway Boulevard. To ensure pedestrian safety, a pedestrian crossover is required on Steinway Boulevard. The applicant will be responsible for all cost incurred for this installation. The development agreement signed by the developer incorporates a maximum of \$30,000.00 for the pedestrian crossover installation. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

Comments:

Staff of the District Transportation Services Division reviewed this location in terms of adequate pedestrian/vehicle sight lines and a pedestrian crossing focal point. The most appropriate site for the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Steinway Boulevard is at a point 138 metres west of the west limit of Signal Hill Avenue.

Conclusions:

Based on the significant pedestrian activity that will be generated by the parking lot, a pedestrian crossover is justified to ensure pedestrian safety at the location. The installation of this traffic control device, including all related signage and pavement markings will be at no cost to the municipality.

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The Etobicoke Community Council reports, for the information of Council, also having had before it, during consideration of the foregoing report, a communication (December 1, 1999) from Ms. Anna V. D'Alessandro, Principal, AVD Planning & Development Consulting Ltd., requesting that the location of the pedestrian crossover on Steinway Boulevard be changed to the east side of the driveway; and advising that District Transportation staff concur with this request.

Ms. Anna V. D'Alessandro, Principal, AVD Planning & Development Consulting Ltd., appeared before the Etobicoke Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

(A copy of Attachment No. 1, referred to in the foregoing report, was forwarded to all Members of Council with the agenda for the Etobicoke Community Council meeting of December 2 and 3, 1999, and a copy thereof is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)