



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Stevenson Road at Kipling Avenue – Left-Turn Prohibition

Date:	March 8, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services-Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 1 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	P#07044

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to propose removing the eastbound, left-turn prohibition applicable to motorists on Stevenson Road at Kipling Avenue. Approval of this report will result in removing the regulatory “No Left-Turn, Monday to Friday” signs at this location.

The traffic control change near the previous pedestrian crossover (PXO) on Kipling Avenue north of Stevenson Road replacement with mid-block pedestrian signals means the prohibition is no longer necessary. Removing the left-turn prohibition will improve traffic movements at this intersection for all motorists including police vehicles exiting from the new 23 Division under construction on the southwest corner of the intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. The Etobicoke York Community Council approve removing the current eastbound Monday to Friday left-turn prohibition on Stevenson Road at Kipling Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$50.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The new Toronto Police Service, 23 Division is currently under construction on the southwest corner of Kipling Avenue and Stevenson Road. As many police vehicles will be exiting from this division to proceed north on Kipling Avenue, Transportation Services received a request from the Toronto Police Service for the removal of the Monday to Friday left-turn prohibition.

COMMENTS

This is a T-intersection with Kipling Avenue (major arterial road) running north/south and Stevenson Road (local road) intersecting on the west side. The left turn prohibition was installed in June of 1991 as a result of a request from the P.T.A. of St. Andrews Catholic School, located on Kipling Avenue, north of Stevenson Road. At the time, the students made use of a pedestrian crossover located on the north side of the intersection. The left-turn prohibition eliminated left turns from Stevenson Road across the pedestrian crossover and further protected pedestrians as they crossed the street. Since December of 2000, however, the pedestrian crossover was upgraded to mid-block pedestrian activated traffic control signals providing a more visible level of warning to the motorists and, therefore, protection to pedestrians.

When observations were conducted at Kipling Avenue and Stevenson Road, 105 vehicles turned onto Kipling Avenue from Stevenson Road between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., while 70 vehicles were observed between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. In the morning study, three motorists disobeyed the left turn prohibition, while in the afternoon, only one motorist turned left.

According to the Toronto Police Service collision reports, were no incidences involving pedestrians using the traffic control signals, indicating the current configuration provides adequate protection. An incident did occur in 2004 with a pedestrian crossing near the signals; however, this collision was not related to the signal operation.

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ATTACHMENTS

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