



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Kipling Avenue and Streight Lane – Left Turn Prohibition

Date:	March 29, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	eycc070057-to - 4758

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to propose the installation of a “No Left Turn Anytime” regulation for westbound traffic at the east approach of the intersection of Kipling Avenue and Streight Lane (a private road), north of the ramp from westbound Dundas Street West to northbound Kipling Avenue.

The proposed left-turn prohibition is part of the conditions of the approved site plan for a townhouse development in this area. This proposed traffic control measure will address sight line distance issues for westbound traffic exiting the private road from the townhouse complex.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. The Etobicoke York Community Council approve a “No Left Turn Anytime” regulation for westbound traffic at the east approach of the intersection of Kipling Avenue and Streight Lane (private).

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The cost of the work, estimated at \$200.00 will be paid for by the developer (Icon Homes).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A new townhouse complex has been constructed on the east side of Kipling Avenue, just north of the ramp from westbound Dundas Street West to northbound Kipling Avenue. A private road (Streight Lane) accesses the townhouse development from Kipling Avenue. As part of the conditions for the approved site plan for this development, westbound left-turns are to be prohibited anytime from the private road onto Kipling Avenue. Maps of the area are Attachments No.1 and 2.

COMMENTS

Kipling Avenue, in the area of the new townhouse development, is a four-lane major arterial roadway. The most recent (March 2004) traffic volume on this street is approximately 24,000 vehicles per day.

Traffic control signals are located to the south at the intersection of Kipling Avenue and Bloor Street West.

As part of the “Six Point” interchange, there are bridge structures over Kipling Avenue, south of Bloor Street West. In addition, there is a change in vertical alignment (i.e. upgrade for northbound traffic) on Kipling Avenue from below the bridge structures to just north of Bloor Street West.

Given the aforementioned change in grade on Kipling Avenue, driver sight distances are restricted when exiting the private access (Streight Lane) from the new townhouse complex onto Kipling Avenue. As a result, staff recommend that westbound left-turns be prohibited anytime at the intersection of Kipling Avenue and the private road.

The proposed prohibition, in conjunction with the appropriate signage, will help deter motorists from making this movement, thus enhancing traffic safety on Kipling Avenue at the intersection of the private road access to the townhouse development located north of the ramp from westbound Dundas Street West to northbound Kipling Avenue.

CONTACT

Mark Hargot, Supervisor, Traffic Engineering-Etobicoke York District
Tel:(416)394-8453; Fax:(416)394-8942
e-mail: mahargot@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

John Niedra, P.Eng.
Director, Transportation Services-Etobicoke York District

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map (Location Plan) Attachment No. 2: Map

Kipling Avenue & Streight Lane– Left Turn Prohibition