



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Garrow Avenue and Hilldale Road – Stop Sign Installation

Date:	June 5, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 - York South-Weston
Reference Number:	eycc070081-to -- 5289

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend the installation of a westbound stop sign control on Garrow Avenue at Hilldale Road. The stop sign will enhance the operational and pedestrian safety conditions at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the installation of a westbound stop sign control on Garrow Avenue at Hilldale Road.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funding	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Frances Nunziata, on behalf of area residents, requested that Transportation Services staff investigate the feasibility of implementing stop sign controls on Garrow Avenue at Hilldale Road.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff have investigated the feasibility of installing a “Stop” sign control for westbound traffic on Garrow Avenue at its intersection with Hilldale Road.

Garrow Avenue, between Hilldale Road and its east end, is a local street operating two-way with a legal speed limit of 50 km/h and a road width of 8.9 metres. Hilldale Road is a local two-way street with a legal speed limit of 30 km/h (existing speed humps) and a road width of 8.4 metres. Garrow Avenue intersects with Hilldale Road to form a "T"-type intersection with Hilldale Road being the through street. There is currently no "Stop" sign control at this intersection.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over a three-year period ending December 31, 2006, reported one collision at the subject intersection. There have been no speed related collisions nor any collision reported involving a pedestrian or a cyclist.

This area is predominantly residential. Observations revealed that right-of-way conflicts develop when westbound left-turn vehicles and northbound or southbound vehicles enter the intersection simultaneously. During morning and afternoon peak period investigations, numerous right-of-way conflicts were observed.

Transportation Services staff have evaluated this intersection against the criteria governing the installation of "Stop" signs which encompasses factors such as right-of-way conflicts, vehicular and pedestrian usage of the intersection, physical and geometric configuration, surrounding area traffic control and safety experience, and have concluded that the installation of a "Stop" sign for westbound traffic will be of benefit at this location. Specifically, the installation of a "Stop" sign control at this intersection would clearly establish right-of-way for vehicular traffic and would enhance pedestrian safety.

To improve the regulation of traffic and to enhance pedestrian safety, it is recommended that a "Stop" sign be installed for westbound traffic on Garrow Avenue at Hilldale Road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map