



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Oakwood Avenue – Turn Restrictions

Date:	August 8, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 – Davenport
Reference Number:	p:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc070126-to – AFS5735

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to prohibit southbound right turns from Oakwood Avenue onto Earnscliffe Road during the morning peak periods and northbound left turns from Oakwood Avenue onto Earnscliffe Road during the afternoon peak periods, Monday to Friday.

As Oakwood Avenue is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff have been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. The City Clerk conduct a poll of residents on Earnscliffe Road, Conway Avenue and Glenholme Avenue to determine whether residents support southbound right turn prohibitions from Oakwood Avenue between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, onto Earnscliffe Road and northbound left turns from Oakwood Avenue onto Earnscliffe Road between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
2. Subject to favourable results of the poll, the appropriate turn prohibitions be implemented.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17, Davenport, on behalf of area residents of Earnscliffe Road, requested Transportation staff to determine the feasibility of turn prohibitions to and from Oakwood Avenue.

COMMENTS

Earnscliffe Road between Oakwood Avenue and Glenholme Avenue is a local residential road with road width of 7.4 metres and speed limits of 40 km/h.

During the morning peak periods, southbound Oakwood Avenue motorists wishing to access Glenholme Avenue via Earnscliffe Road have been observed speeding westbound on Earnscliffe Road near the Ecole Rawlinson Community School, in the vicinity of the pick-up/drop-off zone. Conversely, during the afternoon peak periods Oakwood Avenue motorists wishing to access Glenholme Avenue via Earnscliffe Road have been observed speeding westbound on Earnscliffe Road near the Ecole Rawlinson Community School. The speed of vehicles has raised some safety concerns, especially while school children are being picked up and dropped off during school hours.

In order to mitigate concerns of speeding in the vicinity of the school, southbound right turns from Oakwood Avenue onto Earnscliffe Road could be restricted from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, and northbound left turns from Oakwood Avenue onto Earnscliffe Road could be restricted from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Since it is understood that the implications of implementing such restrictions may result in some traffic diversion on Conway Avenue and Glenholme Avenue, it will be necessary to poll area residents to get their view on the matter.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Nos. 1 & 2: Maps