



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Finch Avenue West at Milady Road and Driveway west of
Milady Road – Through and Left Turn Prohibitions**

Date:	August 13, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 7 – York West
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to propose the installation of a “No Through Movement Anytime” prohibition for northbound and southbound traffic at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Milady Road/private driveway. In addition, a “No Left Turn Anytime” prohibition is proposed at the driveway to the townhouse development 70.0 metres to the west of Milady Road. This left turn prohibition is for northbound left turns from the driveway as well as westbound left turns into the driveway. This will supplement the physical curb alterations to create a right in/right out driveway configuration.

The proposed through and left-turn prohibitions are part of the conditions of the approved site plan for the residential development on the south side of Finch Avenue West. These proposed traffic control measures will address concerns of potential traffic infiltration on Milady Road, and limit full movement access from the private drive to the immediate west of Milady Road onto Finch Avenue West (major arterial road).

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a bus route on Finch Avenue West, City Council approval is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve a “No Left Turn Anytime” prohibition for northbound and westbound traffic at the private driveway on Finch Avenue West located 70.0 metres west of Milady Road; and

2. City Council approve a “No Through Movement” anytime prohibition for northbound and southbound traffic at Finch Avenue West and Milady Road/driveway.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report. The cost of the work, estimated at \$1,600.00 will be paid for by the developer (Harmony Park Properties Inc.).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A new residential complex is being constructed on the south side of Finch Avenue West, between Milady Road and Islington Avenue. Two private roads intersect Finch Avenue West from the development. The one driveway is aligned with Milady Road (four-way intersection), while the driveway to the west of Milady Road is a “T” intersection. As part of the conditions for the approved site plan for this development, northbound and southbound through movements are to be prohibited to and from the driveway opposite Milady Road. The driveway to the west of Milady Road is proposed as a right in/right out driveway with the appropriate northbound and westbound left turn prohibition. The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) provides bus service on Finch Avenue West. A map of the area is Attachment No.1.

COMMENTS

Finch Avenue West, in the area of the new residential development, is a four-lane major arterial roadway. The most recent traffic volume on this street is approximately 40,000 vehicles per day.

Traffic control signals are located to the west of Milady Road at Islington Avenue and to the east at Pearldale Avenue/Ardwick Boulevard. A stop sign currently controls traffic southbound on Milady Road.

As part of the Site Plan agreement, to address concerns of potential traffic infiltration on Milady Road, northbound and southbound through movements were recommended to be prohibited at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Milady Road/new driveway. In addition, to limit full movement access to and from the private driveway to the west of Milady Road onto Finch Avenue west (major arterial road), staff recommended that northbound and westbound left-turns be prohibited anytime at this driveway. This proposed prohibition, in conjunction with the appropriate signage, will help deter motorists from making this movement, thus enhancing traffic safety on Finch Avenue West at the intersection of the private road access to the residential development.

Traffic control signals are proposed at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Milady Road/private driveway if the warrant requirements are achieved following occupancy of the development. The proposed through and left turn prohibitions would continue to remain if these traffic signals were installed.

As this is a bus route, TTC staff has been advised of these recommendations and have not objected to their implementation.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map (Location Plan)