



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Government Road – Traffic Regulation Amendments

Date:	August 8, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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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 the changing of the one-way street operation on Government Road, west of The Kingsway, to a two-way operation between The Kingsway and a point 19.0 metres east of Royal York Road; and, to propose the installation of a stop control at the west approach of the intersection of The Kingsway and Government Road.

These proposed traffic regulation amendments, in conjunction with the installation of the related signage and pavement markings, will safely allow for northbound to eastbound right-turn movements onto Government Road from the driveways accessing 200 – 202 The Kingsway, on the south side of Government Road, west of The Kingsway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the Municipal Code of the former City of Etobicoke with respect to Chapter 240, Article 1, Schedule XII, One Way Streets, by deleting The Kingsway, Government Road to Royal York Road, Anytime, Northbound from Columns 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively;
2. Etobicoke York Community Council approve a one-way westbound street operation anytime on Government Road, between a point 19.0 metres east of Royal York Road and Royal York Road; and

3. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the Municipal Code of the former City of Etobicoke with respect to Chapter 240, Article 1, Schedule XIX, Stop Signs, The Kingsway at Government Road, by adding Government Road, west of The Kingsway to Column 2.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$700.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Government Road, between the The Kingsway and Royal York Road, is currently a one-way street westbound. Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Milczyn, on behalf of area residents, to make a portion of Government Road, west of The Kingsway, a two-way street. There are two residential properties (200 – 202 The Kingsway) which currently have driveway access on the south side of Government Road, west of The Kingsway. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Government Road, between The Kingsway and Royal York Road, is classified as an “arterial” in the City’s Road Classification System. This section of Government Road is part of the Dundas Street/Royal York Road interchange, providing access to northbound Royal York Road from eastbound Dundas Street. The pavement width is approximately 7.5 metres, narrowing to 4.0 metres near Royal York Road.

In conjunction with phase 6 of the reconstruction of Royal York Road, the intersection of Royal York Road and Government Road was reconfigured. Government Road now intersects Royal York Road at a 90-degree angle. However, the intersection is still designed to prohibit entry into Government Road. In addition, westbound traffic on Government Road, at Royal York Road, is now controlled by a stop sign, replacing the yield control.

Given the intersection improvements and change in traffic control at the intersection of Government Road and Royal York Road, it is feasible to change a portion of the current one-way westbound street operation on Government Road, west of The Kingsway, to a two-way operation. A two-way operation on this section of Government Road will legally allow for northbound to eastbound movements out of the access driveways to 200-202 The Kingsway, on the south side of Government Road, west of The Kingsway. However, entry into Government Road from Royal York Road will still be prohibited, as the section of Government Road between a point 19.0 metres east of Royal York Road and Royal York Road will continue to operate as a one-way street, anytime, for westbound traffic.

It should be noted that the current one-way operation on Government Road, between The Kingsway and Royal York Road is incorrectly listed in the traffic schedules related to one-way streets in the Municipal Code of the former City of Etobicoke. The current

One-Way Streets schedule wrongly shows this one-way operation as being on The Kingsway, from Government Road to Royal York Road, for northbound traffic.

Furthermore, a two-way operation on Government Road, west of The Kingsway, will require the installation of a stop control for eastbound traffic at the west approach of the intersection of The Kingsway and Government Road. This intersection currently is controlled by all-way stop condition.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends that the one-way westbound street operation on Government Road, between The Kingsway and Royal York Road, be amended to make the section of Government Road between The Kingsway and a point 19.0 metres east of Royal York Road, a two-way operation. In addition, staff recommends that the all-way stop control operation at the intersection of Government Road and The Kingsway be amended to include eastbound traffic, west of The Kingsway.

These proposed traffic regulation amendments, in conjunction with the installation of the related signage and pavement markings, will safely permit northbound to eastbound traffic movements onto Government Road from the residential access driveways on the south side of Government Road, west of The Kingsway.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Map