



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive – Pedestrian
Crossover Installation**

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| Date: | October 29, 2007 |
| To: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District |
| Wards: | Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore |
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, 460.0 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West.

The proposed pedestrian crossover is part of site plan approval conditions for the new Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre that was constructed on the property at 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive. The pedestrian crossover is required to facilitate pedestrian access to the school from the off-site parking facility located opposite the school.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, TTC staff has been consulted and support the proposed pedestrian crossover installation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto City Council approve the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, 460.0 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West.

Financial Impact

The funds necessary to install the proposed pedestrian crossover amount to \$74,500; these funds have been received from the Toronto District Catholic School Board for the installation of the pedestrian crossover.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As part of conditions for site plan approval for the now constructed and opened Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre, 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, a pedestrian crossover is to be installed on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, in the area of the main entrance to the school. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive is classified as a local road and has a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,000 vehicles in the area of the secondary school. The road is constructed to urban standards (curb and gutter), as a two lane road. The road width, in the area of the school, is 9.5 metres.

Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive has a legal speed limit of 50 km/h, with an operating or 85th percentile speed of 40 km/h on the east-west aligned section of road. An existing pedestrian crossover is located on this road, approximately 160.0 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West. Parking is prohibited anytime on the east-west aligned section of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive.

The TTC Bus Route 44 (Kipling South) serves Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, with its south terminus loop located just southwest of Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre.

In addition to Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre, Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive also provides access to a public (Toronto Parking Authority) parking lot, the Lake Shore Yacht Club and Colonel Samuel Smith Park.

Given that only 27 parking stalls, including three disabled stalls, can be accommodated on the school site, 70 spaces have been allocated for the joint use of students/staff, through a parking agreement with the Toronto Parking Authority, in the public parking lot located approximately 50 metres south of the school. These 70 off-site spaces make up for the shortfall of parking on the school site.

To facilitate pedestrian access to the school from the off-site parking facility, a condition of site plan approval stipulated that the applicant (Toronto District Catholic School Board), be required to pay for the cost of a pedestrian crossover at a location on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, that is acceptable to the Transportation Services Division.

The most suitable location for the pedestrian crossover is at the walkway to the main entrance to the school, situated mid-block on the east-west aligned section of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive. Given that there are two curves on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, approximately 40 metres and 25 metres east and west, respectively, from the centre of the proposed pedestrian crossover, signage will be erected in advance of the curves to warn motorists that a pedestrian crossover is located ahead. Also, there will be an amber beacon located above these advance warning signs that will flash when one of the pedestrian push buttons is activated.

Furthermore, TTC staff has been advised of the proposed pedestrian crossover installation and have no concerns.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends that a pedestrian crossover be installed on Colonel Samuel Smith Drive at a point 460.0 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West, in the area of the walkway to the main entrance of Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School & Regional Arts Centre.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map