



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition: Bathurst Street at Viewmount Avenue

Date:	December 20, 2006
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Wards 15, 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc06013tsny

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit east - west pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Viewmount Avenue.

The implementation of the pedestrian crossing prohibition will eliminate pedestrian conflicts with eastbound and westbound left-turning traffic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. pedestrian crossings be prohibited on Bathurst Street, between the south curb line of Viewmount Avenue and a point 30.5 metres north of the north curb line of Viewmount Avenue; and
2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary to implement the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the pedestrian crossing restrictions are included within the Transportation Service, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District staff as part of the operational review of the proposed 2007 widening and reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Lawrence Avenue West to Shallmar Boulevard noted that the prohibition of pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Viewmount Avenue would be an operational improvement.

COMMENTS

Bathurst Street is a four-lane arterial roadway in the vicinity of Viewmount Avenue and the intersection of Bathurst Street and Viewmount Avenue is controlled by traffic control signals. Lytton Boulevard intersects with the east side of Bathurst Street approximately 9 metres north of Viewmount Avenue. The intersection of Lytton Boulevard does not form part of the signalized intersection of Viewmount Avenue and Bathurst Street.

Pedestrians are discouraged from crossing on the north side of the Bathurst Street/Viewmount Avenue intersection by the absence of pavement markings and pedestrian signal heads. However, a pedestrian crossing prohibition by-law has not been enacted. Conflicts have been observed between left-turning traffic from both Viemount Avenue and Lytton Boulevard, and pedestrians crossing Bathurst Street.

In view of the above, the enactment of the prohibited pedestrian crossing by-law on the north side of the intersection of Bathurst Street at Viewmount Avenue will provide regulatory status to the prohibition of pedestrian crossings at this location.

Councillors Howard Moscoe and Karen Stintz have been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Bathurst Street at Viewmount Avenue; Pedestrian Crossing Restrictions (nycc06013tsny) (200602820)