



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Eastbound Right Turn Lane Designation: Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue at Bathurst Street

Date:	December 15, 2006
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services, North York District, as part of the proposed 2007 reconstruction of Bathurst Street from Lawrence Avenue West to Shallmar Boulevard, identified the need to improve the lane configuration at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue.

The designation of the eastbound curb lane on Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue for right turns only, will improve the overall traffic operations and safety at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. the southerly eastbound lane on Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue at Bathurst Street be designated for right turning vehicles only, from the westerly limit of Bathurst Street to a point 30.5 metres westerly thereof; and
2. the appropriate City officials be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the designation of the right turn lane are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District staff identified the need to improve the lane configuration at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue.

COMMENTS

The intersection of Bathurst Street and Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue is controlled by traffic control signals. The existing lane configuration for the eastbound approach consists of exclusive left, through and right turn lanes. Eastbound traffic on the far side of the intersection discharges into one traffic lane.

Although existing pavement markings identify the eastbound curb lane as a right turn lane, our review has confirmed that the occasional motorist utilizes the curb lane as a through lane. This action by motorists requires that they merge with the through traffic lane within the intersection, which is an unsafe practice and contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Bathurst Street at Elm Ridge Drive/Roselawn Avenue; Right Turn Lane designations (nycc06010tsny) (20060282)