



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Prohibited U-turns: Yonge Street at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	December 15, 2006
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 23 - Willowdale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc06002tsny

#### **SUMMARY**

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To obtain approval to prohibit southbound and northbound u-turns on Yonge Street at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue.

The implementation of the prohibited u-turns will maintain the overall level of safety for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic at this intersection.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. Southbound U-turns be prohibited at anytime on Yonge Street at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue;
2. Northbound U-turns be prohibited at anytime on Yonge Street at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue; and
3. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action deemed necessary to implement the foregoing including the introduction in Council of any bills that are required.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the implementation of the u-turn prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget estimates.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Services Division - North York District, was requested by Councillor John Filion, on behalf of local residents, to review the feasibility of prohibiting southbound and northbound u-turns on Yonge Street at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue.

## **COMMENTS**

Yonge Street is a six-lane arterial roadway with a speed limit of 50 km/hr. There is a raised concrete median to the north from Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue to a point 40 meters north of Kingsdale Avenue, and to the south from Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue to North York Boulevard.

Observations at the intersection of Yonge Street and Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue indicate that northbound and southbound motorists on Yonge Street who wish to access businesses on the opposite side of the road, execute a u-turn around the centre median at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue to proceed in the opposite direction of travel.

A review of the collision history indicates that there have been no reported incidents at this location, however, staff observations have identified that the potential for serious collisions does exist when u-turns are attempted due to the high volume and speed of northbound and southbound traffic.

Councillor John Filion has indicated his support for the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment:           Map – Yonge Street at Empress Avenue/Park Home Avenue;  
                              Prohibited Northbound and Southbound U-turns (nycc06002tsny.map)