



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition: Eglinton Avenue West at Oakwood Avenue

Date:	August 14, 2007
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2007\Cluster\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07077tsny (5761)

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit north-south pedestrian crossings on the east side of the signalized intersection at Eglinton Avenue West and Oakwood Avenue.

The implementation of the pedestrian crossing prohibition will improve pedestrian safety at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. pedestrian crossings be prohibited on Eglinton Ave West, between the easterly curb line of Oakwood Avenue and a point 30.5 metres east of the east curb line of Oakwood Avenue; and
2. 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

All costs associated with the pedestrian crossing prohibition are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District staff, as part of an operational review determined that our traffic by-laws do not match the existing signed pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east side of the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Oakwood Avenue.

COMMENTS

The intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Oakwood Avenue is controlled by traffic control signals. Oakwood Avenue is classified as a minor arterial road that carries traffic to and from the W.R. Allen Road. Northbound and southbound Toronto Transit Commission bus stops are located just south of Eglinton Avenue West, while eastbound and westbound Toronto Transit Commission bus stops are located near-side of Eglinton Avenue West.

Currently, a handrail barrier is located on the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection, to discourage north-south pedestrian crossings on the east leg of the intersection.

A review of the collision history over a five-year period ending December 31, 2006, indicates that there have been six reported incidents at this intersection involving pedestrians.

The introductions of the traffic by-laws are necessary to support the existing signed pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east side of the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Oakwood Avenue.

Councillor Howard Moscoe been advised of the contents of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Eglinton Avenue West at Oakwood Avenue, Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition (nycc07077tsny_map)