



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Barton Avenue – sidewalk construction

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| Date: | January 25, 2007 |
| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
| Wards: | Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19 |
| Reference Number: | Ts07044te.top.doc |

SUMMARY

As a result of a request from Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Transportation Services are requesting authority to narrow Barton Avenue on the north side, between Christie Street and Pendrith Lane for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk, in conjunction with planned capital work under the 2007 program.

The installation of a 1.7 metre wide sidewalk on this section of Barton Avenue across from Christie Pits will provide a safe pedestrian refuge, linking the terminus of the existing sidewalk west of Pendrith Lane for children attending St. Raymond Catholic School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

Approval be given to narrow the pavement width of Barton Avenue, from Christie Street to Pendrith Lane for the purpose of installing a 1.7 metre wide sidewalk, as follows:

1. “the narrowing of the roadway on Barton Avenue, between Christie Street and Pendrith Lane generally as shown in the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-8674, dated January, 2007.

Financial Impact

| Type of Funding | Source of Funds | Amount |
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| Available within capital budget request | 2007 Capital Budget New Sidewalk Installation Program | \$65,000.00 |

COMMENTS

Staff of Transportation Services have reviewed the feasibility of installing a sidewalk on the north side of Barton Avenue, linking the terminus of the existing sidewalk west of Christie Street to Pendrith Lane to improve safety for children attending St. Raymond Catholic School.

Barton Avenue, between Shaw Street and Christie Street is collector road operating two-way in an east-west direction, with a speed limit of 40 km/h. The pavement width varies between 7.3 and 8.5 metres, west and east of Pendrith Lane respectively.

Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Barton Avenue, from Shaw Street to Christie Street. On the north side, Christie Street to Pendrith Lane, parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours, except between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. when permit parking is in effect.

Based on our assessment, a 1.7 metre wide sidewalk can be constructed on the north side of Barton Avenue, between Christie Street and Pendrith Lane by narrowing the pavement width from 8.5 metres to 7.3 metres, and using a portion of the grassed boulevard on the north side of the street. This undertaking will not result in the relocation or removal of the existing encroachments (trees and hedges) on City's right-of-way. In addition, cost savings are achieved by installing the proposed sidewalk at the same time as the scheduled resurfacing of Barton Avenue, between Shaw Street and Christie Street to take place later this year.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-8674, dated January 2007

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