
Farnham Avenue and Yonge Street – through and left turn prohibitions

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Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to prohibit left turns and straight through movements from Farnham Avenue onto Yonge Street from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday; and to prohibit left turns from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, into the first laneway located west of Yonge Street, operating between Farnham Avenue and Balmoral Avenue.

The prohibition of the above-noted turn and through restrictions will alleviate traffic backups on Farnham Avenue in the vicinity of Yonge Street, during the weekday morning period when student pick-up/drop-off activities are taking place flanking the York School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. prohibit eastbound left turns from Farnham Avenue onto Yonge Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
2. prohibit through traffic from Farnham Avenue onto Jackes Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday; and

3. prohibit eastbound left turns from Farnham Avenue into the first laneway located west of Yonge Street and operating from Farnham Avenue to Balmoral Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$600.00

BACKGROUND

Resulting from a meeting with representatives of the York School, Councillor Michael Walker has requested that Transportation Services review a request to introduce various through and turn restrictions on Farnham Avenue in the vicinity of Yonge Street, beside the York School.

COMMENTS

Farnham Avenue, in the vicinity of the York School operates two-way on a pavement width of 7.3 metres with a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h. Stopping is prohibited on the north side of Farnham Avenue, from Yonge Street to a point 20 metres further west. Permit parking operates on the north side of Farnham Avenue, from Avenue Road to a point 20 metres west of Yonge Street, from 1:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily and parking is permitted at other times without a permit for a maximum period of three hours. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of Farnham Avenue. The York School is located on the southwest corner of Yonge Street and Farnham Avenue, at No. 1320 Yonge Street.

Transportation Services staff recorded 20 eastbound left turns from Farnham Avenue onto Yonge Street during the 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. period. As traffic volumes on Yonge Street are very heavy during this time period, motorists attempting to undertake this maneuver caused some minor traffic backups on Farnham Avenue. Since these traffic backups occurred at the same time as the student pick-up/drop-off activities that were taking place beside the York School, it resulted in some traffic congestion problems.

As a means of reducing traffic backups and improving traffic flow on Farnham Avenue in the vicinity of Yonge Street during the weekday morning period, Councillor Michael Walker has requested that we introduce an eastbound left-turn prohibition from Farnham Avenue onto Yonge Street, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. As some motorists wishing to travel north on Yonge Street may choose to travel directly across Yonge Street to Jackes Avenue, prior to turning right onto Yonge Street, a through prohibition should also be introduced, as a movement of this nature would also slow the flow of traffic exiting Farnham Avenue. Further, to deter motorists who may wish to avoid the above-noted turn and through restrictions by using the laneway (located opposite the school and operating between Farnham Avenue and Balmoral Avenue) to

access Balmoral Avenue, prior to making an eastbound left turn from that street onto Yonge Street, a left-turn prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday should also be introduced.

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