



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Bartlett Avenue North – Two-way Operation

Date:	February 25, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 - Davenport
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to propose removing a short mid-block one-way designation on Bartlett Avenue North, just north of Geary Avenue, resulting in two-way operation between Geary Avenue and a point 46 metres further north thereof.

The proposed two-way operation will improve access to the commercial properties at the rear of Geary Avenue, and at the same time resolve the concerns with motorists travelling southbound illegally.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing one-way northbound operation on Bartlett Avenue North, between Geary Avenue and a point 46 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Cesar Palacio, on behalf of area businesses and residents, Transportation staff reviewed the operation of Bartlett Avenue North, between Geary Avenue and a point 46 metres further north in order to mitigate safety concerns.

COMMENTS

Bartlett Avenue North is a 7.3 metre wide local roadway, which operates one-way northbound between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue, and forms a “T” type intersection with Geary Avenue.

Bartlett Avenue North is a mix of primarily single family residential and some commercial properties on the southwest corner of Bartlett Avenue North at Geary Avenue. These commercial properties have access to parking via Bartlett Avenue North in the rear on the west side of Bartlett Avenue North.

Recent observations revealed that the one-way northbound operation at this point is being ignored on a daily basis. This is evident by a recent traffic study that revealed that of the 300 daily vehicles using Bartlett Avenue North, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue, 26 are travelling southbound illegally to exit from the parking facilities at the rear of the businesses fronting Geary Avenue.

It is apparent that motorists are ignoring the one-way regulation because of the short access length (46 metres) and to avoid travelling in a circuitous route to proceed southbound. This can create potential conflicts with northbound motorists not expecting a southbound vehicle travelling on a one-way northbound street.

Therefore, it would be preferable to legalize the existing movement by designating this small section of Bartlett Avenue North to a two-way operation from Geary Avenue, to a point 46 metres to the north.

Rescinding the one-way traffic operation on Bartlett Avenue North from Geary Avenue to a point 46 metres north of Geary Avenue will improve access to the commercial properties at the rear of Geary Avenue, and at the same time resolve the concerns with motorists travelling southbound illegally. This will also reduce the number of vehicles, including trucks, travelling on Bartlett Avenue North. This proposal will not impact residents on Bartlett Avenue North.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Map