



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Talbot Street at Laughton Avenue – Stop Sign Installation

Date:	June 4, 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 recommend the installation of a westbound stop sign control on Talbot Street at Laughton Avenue. The stop sign will enhance the operational and pedestrian safety conditions at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The installation of a westbound stop sign control on Talbot Street at Laughton Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Cesar Palacio, on behalf of area residents, requested that Transportation Services staff investigate the feasibility of implementing a stop sign control on Talbot Street at Laughton Avenue.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff have investigated the feasibility of installing a “Stop” sign control for westbound traffic on Talbot Street at its intersection with Laughton Avenue.

Talbot Street, between Laughton Avenue and its easterly terminus, is a local street operating two-way with a legal speed limit of 50 km/h and a road width of 7.3 metres.

Laughton Avenue is a two-way north-south collector roadway with a legal speed limit of 40 km/h and a road width of 7.3 metres. Talbot Street intersects with Laughton Avenue to form a “T” type intersection with Laughton Avenue being the through street. There is currently no “Stop” sign control at this intersection.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over a three-year period ending December 31, 2007, disclosed one reported collision at the subject intersection.

This area is predominantly residential with Pope Paul Catholic School opposite Talbot Street. Observations revealed that right-of-way conflicts develop when westbound left-turn vehicles and northbound or southbound vehicles enter the intersection simultaneously. During morning and afternoon peak period investigations, although Talbot Street is a short roadway, numerous right-of-way conflicts were observed.

Transportation Services staff have evaluated this intersection against the criteria governing the installation of "Stop" signs which encompasses factors such as right-of-way conflicts, vehicular and pedestrian usage of the intersection, physical and geometric configuration, surrounding area traffic control and safety experience, and have concluded that the installation of a "Stop" sign for westbound traffic will be of benefit at this location. Specifically, the installation of a “Stop” sign control at this intersection would clearly establish right-of-way for vehicular traffic and would enhance pedestrian safety.

To improve the regulation of traffic and to enhance pedestrian safety, it is recommended that a "Stop" sign be installed for westbound traffic on Talbot Street at Laughton Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map