



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue – Proposed
Stop Control**

Date:	October 29, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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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 stop control on Lake Promenade at Long Branch Avenue for eastbound traffic. This proposed stop control in conjunction with the recent intersection design alteration will enhance traffic operations and safety at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke Community Council approve:

1. The installation of a stop control at the west approach of the intersection of Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funding	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff and Councillor Mark Grimes have been meeting with residents of Lake Promenade to discuss various traffic operational issues on this street. One of the primary issues discussed has been the speed of vehicular traffic on Lake Promenade in the area of Long Branch Avenue. To address the speed concerns, a road alteration for the intersection of Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue was approved by Etobicoke Community Council at its meeting of June 10, 2008. The road alteration is completed and involved the tightening of the south-west corner radius. In addition, staff has investigated this location to determine the need for a stop control at the west approach of the intersection of Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue. Maps of the area are Attachments No. 1 and 2. The road alteration design is Attachment No. 3.

COMMENTS

Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue are both local roads located in the residential community south of Lake Shore Boulevard West and east of Thirty Fifth Street. There are sidewalks on both sides of Long Branch Avenue. There is a sidewalk on the north side of Lake Promenade, east of Long Branch Avenue. There are no sidewalks on either side of Lake Promenade, west of Long Branch Avenue. An off-road pedestrian/cyclist trail (part of the Waterfront Trail) is located south of Lake Promenade, extending east-west between Thirty Sixth Street and a point opposite 220 Lake Promenade.

The posted speed limit on Lake Promenade is 40 km/h. The speed limit on Long Branch Avenue is 50 km/h.

The intersection of Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue is currently controlled by a stop sign located at the north approach for southbound traffic. 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. We have concluded that the installation of a "Stop" sign for eastbound traffic, in addition to the existing southbound stop control, will be of benefit at the intersection of Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue. Our recent observations at the intersection, since the completion of the road alteration, reveal eastbound motorists coming to a complete or near full stop at the west approach.

Based on the aforementioned, it is recommended that a stop control be installed for eastbound traffic at the west approach of the intersection of Lake Promenade and Long Branch Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map – Area

Attachment No. 2: Map – Proposed Stop Control

Attachment No. 3: Intersection Drawing – Road Alteration