



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Lane Designation: Bathurst Street at Finch Avenue West

<b>Date:</b>	January 16, 2008
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 10 - York Centre</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08020 (6863)

#### SUMMARY

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To obtain approval for the designation of the southbound curb lane on Bathurst Street at Finch Avenue West for right-turns only, buses excepted.

The lane designation would prevent motorists from using the subject lane as a queue jump lane and would improve the overall traffic operations at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Finch Avenue West.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. the westerly southbound lane on Bathurst Street, north of Finch Avenue West be designated for right-turning vehicles only, buses excepted, from the north limit of Finch Avenue West to a point 90 metres north; and
2. the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any bills that are required.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the amendments of the turning designation are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2008 Operating Budget estimates.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, as part of our Top Ten Intersection Collision Review, noted that the southbound right-turn lane at the intersection of Bathurst Street at Finch Avenue West is not designated.

## **COMMENTS**

The intersection of Bathurst Street and Finch Avenue West is controlled by traffic control signals. The existing southbound lane configuration consists of a left-turn lane, two through lanes and a right-turn lane. TTC bus stops are located on the northwest and southwest corners of this intersection.

Although the southbound curb lane is intended to function only as right-turn lane/bus bay, it is neither designated nor signed as such.

Observations have confirmed that southbound motorists use the right-turn lane as a queue jump lane, and often cut in front of other vehicles to enter the general through lanes. This activity significantly reduces the level of safety for all motorists and delays TTC buses and right-turning traffic.

Councillor Feldman and Filion have been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Bathurst Street at Finch Avenue West; Lane Designation