



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition: Don Mills Road, south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard

Date:	January 15, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08015_map (6814)

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit pedestrian crossings on Don Mills Road, south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard.

The implementation of the pedestrian crossing prohibition will improve pedestrian safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. pedestrian crossings be prohibited on Don Mills Road, between five metres south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard and a point 190 metres south; and
2. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action deemed necessary to implement the foregoing including the introduction in Council of any bills that are required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the pedestrian crossing prohibitions on Don Mills Road are included within the Transportation Services Division’s 2008 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District was requested by local residents and the Toronto Police Service, 54 Division, to review pedestrian safety issues on Don Mills Road, south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard. These issues were

discussed at a community meeting held on October 18, 2007, attended by members of Councillor Parker's office, Transportation Services staff, representatives of the adjacent schools and staff of the Toronto Police Service, 54 Division.

COMMENTS

At the community meeting, the primary topic of discussion was the dangerous situation caused by high vehicle volumes and speeds combined with pedestrians (mainly students) crossing Don Mills Road, from east to west, south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard. In this regard, the Toronto Police Service have suggested that prohibiting pedestrian crossings of Don Mills Road would facilitate the ability to issue a "Notice Of Violation", thus discouraging pedestrian crossings at this location.

Although no collisions have been reported involving vehicles with pedestrians, staff observations have identified that the potential for serious collisions does exist with the number of students crossing at this location. Observations have confirmed that many students cross between Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute on the west side of Don Mills Road and the commercial uses (7-11 Variety Store) on the east side of Don Mills Road.

In view of the above, this division supports the prohibition of pedestrian crossings on Don Mills Road, from a point five metres south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard to a point 190 metres south.

Councillor John Parker has indicated his support for the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Don Mills Road south of Overlea Boulevard/Gateway Boulevard;
Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition (ny08015_map)