



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Turn Restrictions: Corona Street at Lawrence Avenue West

Date:	March 4, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2008\Cluster\TRA\NorthYork\ny08027 (7240)

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to amend turn restrictions at the intersection of Corona Street and Lawrence Avenue West.

The amendments to the existing turn restrictions will address the concerns of the administration of St. Charles Catholic School, with regards to the routing of the school buses to the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. the existing eastbound right turn prohibition at Corona Street and Lawrence Avenue West, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, be amended to exempt buses;
2. the existing westbound left turn prohibition at Corona Street and Lawrence Avenue West, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, be amended to exempt buses.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendments to the turn restrictions are included within the Transportation Services Division’s 2008 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Mr. Joseph Bellissimo, Principal, St. Charles Catholic School, 50 Claver Avenue, to review the feasibility of permitting school buses to turn at the intersection of Corona Street and Lawrence Avenue West, during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods.

COMMENTS

Currently, eastbound right turns and westbound left turns are prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on Lawrence Avenue West at Corona Street.

Mr. Bellissimo has indicated that the school bus operators are experiencing difficulties as a result of the existing turn restrictions. Given that the school arrival and dismissal times occur during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods, the bus operators are not permitted to access Corona Street. As such, they must continue west to Dufferin Street, resulting in late arrivals or late pick-ups.

The inclusion of a “Buses Excepted” amendment will assist the school bus operators serving St. Charles Catholic School.

Councillor Howard Moscoe has been advised of the recommendations contained in this report.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment: Map – Corona St at Lawrence Av W; Turn Restrictions (ny08027_map)