

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition: Dufflaw Road at Lawrence Avenue West

Date:	April 14, 2008	
To:	North York Community Council	
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District	
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence	
Reference Number:	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08046	(7546)

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit north-south pedestrian crossings on the east side of the signalized intersection at Lawrence Avenue West and Dufflaw Road.

The implementation of the pedestrian crossing prohibition will improve pedestrian safety at this intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. pedestrian crossings be prohibited on Lawrence Avenue West, between the easterly curb line of Dufflaw Road and a point 30.5 metres east of the east curb line of Dufflaw Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the pedestrian crossing prohibition are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2008 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District staff, as part of an operational review, determined that the traffic by-laws do not match the existing signed pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east side of the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Dufflaw Road.

COMMENTS

Lawrence Avenue West is classified as a major arterial road and Dufflaw Road is classified as a collector road. The intersection is currently controlled by traffic control signals and the configuration is as such that Lawrence Avenue West and Dufflaw Road form a "T" intersection from the north. Located on the south side of the intersection is a residential driveway that is off-set from the intersection.

It should also be noted that near-side eastbound and westbound Toronto Transit Commission bus stops are located on Lawrence Avenue West, within existing bus bays.

The residential driveway, which is located east of the intersection, is situated within the limits of the area where the pedestrian crossings would typically occur. Accordingly, in view of the existing geometry of the intersection, pedestrian crossings on the east leg of the intersection are not feasible.

A review of the collision history over a five-year period ending December 31, 2006, indicates that there have been two reported incidents at this intersection involving pedestrians. Both incidents occurred within the existing crossing areas; namely the north leg and the west leg of the intersection.

In view of the location of the existing residential driveway on the south side of the intersection, the introduction of the appropriate traffic by-laws are necessary to support the existing signed pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east side of the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Dufflaw Road.

Councillor Howard Moscoe been advised of the contents of this staff report.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Lawrence Av W at Dufflaw Rd: Pedestrian Crossing

Prohibition (ny08046_map)