

Turn Restrictions: Lawrence Avenue West at Chicoutimi Avenue

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
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SUMMARY

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

Amendments to the existing turn restrictions will address the concerns of Shomer Transportation, with respect to the routing of school buses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Moshe Shomer of Shomer Transportation, to review the feasibility of permitting school buses to turn at the intersection of Chicoutimi Avenue and Lawrence Avenue West during the morning peak period.

COMMENTS

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

Mr. Shomer has indicated that school bus operators are experiencing difficulties as a result of the existing turn restrictions. Given that school arrival times occur during the morning peak period, bus operators are not permitted to access Chicoutimi Avenue from Lawrence Avenue West. As such, they must continue west to Bathurst Street, sometimes resulting in late arrivals.

The inclusion of a “Buses Excepted” amendment will assist the school bus operators serving Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah at 77 Glen Rush Boulevard.

Councillor Karen Stintz is in support of the recommendations contained in this report.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment: Map – Lawrence Ave West at Chicoutimi Ave; Turn Restrictions
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