

**Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition: Lawrence Avenue  
West at Shermount Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2008
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ny08070

**SUMMARY**

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To obtain approval to prohibit north/south pedestrian crossings on the west side of the signalized intersection at Lawrence Avenue West and Shermount Avenue.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

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

**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 west side of the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Shermount Avenue.

## COMMENTS

Lawrence Avenue West is classified as a major arterial road and Shermount Avenue is classified as a collector road. The intersection is currently controlled by traffic control signals and the configuration is such that Lawrence Avenue West and Shermount Avenue form a “T” intersection from the south. Located on the north side of the intersection is a residential driveway that forms the north leg of the intersection.

A review of the collision history over a five-year period ending December 31, 2007, indicates that there have been three reported incidents at this intersection involving pedestrians. The incidents occurred within the existing crossing areas; namely the south leg and the east leg of the intersection.

Although appropriately signed, the implementation of the appropriate traffic by-law is necessary to support the existing signed pedestrian crossing prohibition on the west side of the intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Shermount Avenue.

Community Council does not have delegated authority on this matter, due to the presence of a T.T.C. bus route on Lawrence Avenue West.

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 Shermount Av and Private Access;  
Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition (nyc08070\_map)