

Turn Restrictions: Endell Street

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 23 – Willowdale
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to prohibit outbound movements to Endell Street from the north driveway associated with the property located at 252 Finch Avenue West (Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto).

The installation of the turn restrictions at this location would be in keeping with the conditions of this development and will reduce traffic infiltration into the adjacent residential community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. Schedule XV of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to prohibit eastbound left turns from the northerly driveway of 252 Finch Avenue West, at a point 65 metres north of Finch Avenue West onto Endell Street; and
2. Schedule XV of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to prohibit eastbound right turns from the northerly driveway of 252 Finch Avenue West, at a point 65 metres north of Finch Avenue West onto Endell Street

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested on behalf of residents of Lanbrooke Avenue to consider the installation of outbound restrictions onto Endell Street from the north driveway associated with the property located at 252 Finch Avenue West (Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto).

Local residents have indicated that vehicles exiting from 252 Finch Avenue West onto Endell Street are travelling north through the adjacent neighbourhood.

COMMENTS

Endell Street is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres, between Finch Avenue West at the south and Lanbrooke Avenue at the north. The east side of Endell Street and all of Lanbrooke Avenue is comprised of single family residential properties.

The Associated Hebrew School of Toronto is located on the north side of Finch Avenue West between Endell Street and Ancona Street. The main entrance and parking facility for the school is located on Ancona Street. The rear of the property that abuts Endell Street is primarily used as the school playground, with the exception of arrival and dismissal times when the playground is used for drop-off and pick-up activities.

It should be noted that in 2003, as a condition of permitting the extension to the existing building at 252 Finch Avenue West, Transportation Services staff required that outbound left turns be prohibited at the southern access point off Endell Street, in order to prevent infiltration traffic into the adjacent neighbourhood. It was also intended that the northerly driveway be only used as an inbound access point off Endell Street and as such outbound movements would not be permitted.

As part of our investigation, observations were conducted during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up time periods associated with the Associated Hebrew School of Toronto at 252 Finch Avenue West. Our observations confirmed that several vehicles, particularly during the morning student drop-off period, were observed exiting the northerly driveway, which contravenes the conditions of development and these vehicles turned left and travelled through the community.

Therefore, in view of the above this division recommends that outbound left and right turns from the northerly driveway of the school onto Endell Street be prohibited at all times. The introduction of the above turn restrictions is in keeping with the requirements when the development was approved.

Councillor John Filion has indicated his support for the installation of eastbound left turn and eastbound right turn prohibitions as indicated above.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Map – Endell St; Turn Restrictions (ny08073_map)