

Stopping Restriction: Esther Shiner Boulevard

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 24 - 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 implement stopping prohibitions on both sides of Easter Shiner Boulevard from westerly limit of Leslie Street to the easterly limit of Provost Drive.

The implementation of stopping prohibitions will address concerns regarding potential vehicular parking and stopping of visitors and customers associated with both North York General Hospital and the IKEA Store located within close proximity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to install a “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Esther Shiner Boulevard, from Leslie Street to Provost Drive; and
2. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to delete “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Old Leslie Street, from the westerly limit of Leslie Street to a point 220 metres westerly thereof.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the stopping prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2008 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of September 9, 2008, North York Community Council approved a staff report recommending that the newly built roadway named Esther Shiner Boulevard be classified as a through street from Leslie Street to Provost Drive and that the newly developed intersection of Esther Shiner Boulevard and Old Leslie Street be controlled by an all-way stop control and subsequently be controlled by traffic control signals.

COMMENTS

Esther Shiner Boulevard is under construction and is anticipated to be open to traffic from Leslie Street to Provost Drive by November 2008. The lane configuration on Esther Shiner Boulevard will consist of two lanes in each direction with left-turn lanes at the intersections. The configuration will also include bicycle lanes on both sides of Esther Shiner Boulevard

Esther Shiner Boulevard includes a railway underpass west of Old Leslie Street. The general parking provisions of the former City of North York Traffic By-law No. 31001, specifically states "that no person shall on any roadway stop any vehicle upon any bridge or elevated structure or within any tunnel or underpass". This would require that "No Stopping Anytime" restrictions be installed on both sides of Esther Shiner Boulevard through the railway underpass area.

The installation of bicycle lanes will require parking restrictions on both sides of Esther Shiner Boulevard between Leslie Street and Provost Drive to allow for safe and unobstructed bicycle operation as well as two-way traffic flow on Esther Shiner Boulevard. Additionally North York General Hospital is situated at the easterly end of Esther Shiner Boulevard on the west side of Leslie Street while at the westerly end of Esther Shiner Boulevard there is an IKEA store and a Canadian Tire store. It is anticipated that visitors and customers generated from North York General Hospital, the IKEA and the Canadian Tire stores will park on both sides of Esther Shiner Boulevard in the absence of stopping restrictions. In order to provide safe and efficient two-way traffic flow, 'No Stopping Anytime' regulations should be provided on both sides of the entire length of Esther Shiner Boulevard.

Old Leslie Street is an existing public road that connects Sheppard Avenue East to the proposed Esther Shiner Boulevard. Old Leslie Street intersects Esther Shiner Boulevard approximately 220 metres west of Leslie Street. This section of the new Esther Shiner Boulevard between Leslie Street and Old Leslie Street was previously designated as Old Leslie Street.

Councillor David Shiner is aware of the proposed provision of ‘No Stopping Anytime’ regulations along Esther Shiner Boulevard between Leslie Street and Provost Drive.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Esther Shiner Blvd; Stopping Restrictions (*ny08112_map*)