

## **Clarification of Council Direction – Steeles Avenue East at Tapscott Road and at Staines Road**

<b>Date:</b>	January 24, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc08011 D08-22 Steeles Avenue and Tapscott/Staines Roads

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report seeks clarification from City Council on a Resolution about turning prohibitions at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at Tapscott Road and at Staines Road relating to the Markham By-Pass.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council request City Council to:**

1. Clarify that the installation of weekday AM Peak westbound to southbound left-turning prohibitions be considered at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at both Tapscott Road and Staines Road,
2. Clarify that the installation of weekday PM Peak northbound to eastbound right-turning prohibitions be considered at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at both Tapscott Road and Staines Road, and
3. The above installations be considered once the Markham By-Pass extension from Highway 407 to Steeles Avenue East is approved and opened to public traffic.

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial cost associated with this report.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of October 22 and 23, 2007, City Council in considering Item PW9.1 from the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, passed motion A. 6. that states:

“City Council approve the installation of “No Left-Turn” signs for the morning rush hour and “No Right Turn” signs for the evening rush hour at the intersections (i.e. Staines Road and Tapscott Road) located between 9<sup>th</sup> Line and Markham Road.”

The context of this motion was the mitigation of future impacts of the Markham By-Pass Extension.

## **COMMENTS**

The motion in and of itself does not have sufficient clarity to be implemented; however, discussions with the ward Councillor, who originally moved the motion, have indicated that the intent was to achieve the following:

1. Installation of weekday AM Peak westbound to southbound left-turning prohibitions at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at both Tapscott Road and at Staines Road,
2. Installation of weekday PM Peak northbound to eastbound right-turning prohibitions at the intersections of Steeles Avenue East at both Tapscott Road and at Staines Road, and
3. The above installations be considered once the Markham By-Pass extension from Highway 407 to Steeles Avenue East is approved and opened to public traffic when the impacts of future traffic volumes can be properly assessed.

At that time, traffic patterns may reveal that some or none of the above installations may actually be required, especially considering that by that time, the connection between Tapscott Road and the Morningside Heights Community via Passmore Avenue may be closed. The actual start and end time limits of any necessary AM and PM Peak turn prohibitions can also be determined at that time.

The staff recommendations provide sufficiently clarity to implement the original motion as intended.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Plan (Steeles Avenue East – Tapscott Road and Staines Road)