



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Highway Alteration By-law – Littles Road at Steeles Avenue East

Date:	October 22, 2008
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 42 – Scarborough-Rouge River
Reference Number:	P:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc08095

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the enactment of a highway alteration by-law for a temporary road closure of Littles Road from Steeles Avenue East to a point approximately 700 metres south of Steeles Avenue East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Authorize the closure of Littles Road on a temporary basis by installing a gate or barrier to prevent unauthorized access to this roadway.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing a gate on Littles Road is approximately \$5,000.00 (materials and installation). Funding is available in the Transportation Services Operating Budget to accommodate these costs.

DECISION HISTORY

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting of June 27, 2008, approved a report entitled “Options to Improve Enforcement and Reduce Instances of Illegal Dumping in the Rouge Park.” Among other recommendations, the report recommended that the General Manager, Transportation Services give consideration to closing Littles Road on a temporary basis by installing a gate to prevent unauthorized access to this roadway.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City legal staff have advised that The City of Toronto Act, 2006 requires by-laws for the alteration of highways. This is not a new requirement under the City of Toronto Act, 2006 and was required under the previous Municipal Acts. Notwithstanding that many pre-amalgamation municipalities had varied practices relating to highway alterations, City legal staff have advised that if any of the Districts in Transportation wish to make an alteration to a highway, a by-law is required to be prepared and passed under the City of Toronto Act, 2006. Alterations requiring approval typically include road narrowing and widening, the installation of a lay-by, the installation of sidewalks, the installation of medians and the realignment of intersections.

COMMENTS

Littles Road is classified as a local roadway in this area and runs south from Steeles Avenue East and terminates at a point approximately 700 metres south of Steeles Avenue East. Staff are already investigating the feasibility of permanently closing Littles Road to a point approximately 700 metres south of Steeles Avenue East. Permanent closure of this road will deny those responsible for illegal dumping the “opportunity” to dump in this area.

In the short term, or until it is feasible to permanently close Littles Road, staff are proposing a temporary closure of this road by installing a gate or barrier to prevent unauthorized access to this road by the public. Staff will make arrangements with the property owners who require use of Littles Road for legal access.

The cost of installing a temporary gate at this location is approximately \$5,000.00.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Littles Road