



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Installation of a Sidewalk - Crescent Town Road**

<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08118te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

Transportation Services is requesting approval to narrow Crescent Town Road, between a point 100 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue, to provide a sidewalk on the south side and thereby enhance safety for pedestrians.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Approve altering Crescent Town Road by narrowing the roadway on the south side between a point 100 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue from a width of 16.4 metres to a width of 14.4 metres and installing a sidewalk, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421P-0083, dated June, 2008.

**Financial Impact**

Funds associated with the installation of a sidewalk on the south side of Crescent Town Road, between a point 100 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue will be allocated from the 2008 Transportation Services Capital Works Program (New Sidewalk Installation Program). The estimated cost for this work is \$25,000.00.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A new sidewalk was installed on the north side of Crescent Town Road between Victoria Park Avenue and Dawes Road in 2006. The pavement was narrowed in order to accommodate the new sidewalk installation and to not impact the existing trees or utilities. At the time, there were no plans to install a sidewalk on the south side of the street. However, with the Victoria Park Bus Terminal Replacement Project, a new sidewalk will be installed on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue. Also, the Toronto Transit Commission has installed a new transit stop on the south side of Crescent Town

Road, approximately 100 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue. Councillor Janet Davis has requested that a sidewalk be installed on the south side of Crescent Town Road to connect this transit stop with Victoria Park Avenue.

## **COMMENTS**

Crescent Town Road connects Dawes Road and Victoria Park Avenue, and operates two-way with a 50 km/h speed limit. The pavement width of Crescent Town Road, west of Victoria Park Avenue, is 16.4 metres. Parking is prohibited on both sides of this street.

Crescent Town Road bisects the high density Crescent Town apartment complex, and is the primary access for pedestrians destined to the nearby TTC subway station at Victoria Park Avenue. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the 404 East York Community bus on Crescent Town Road.

A review of the Toronto Police Service's collision data records for the three year period ending December 31, 2007 revealed that 5 collisions were reported on Crescent Town Road, between Dawes Road and Victoria Park Avenue. Of these, one occurred within the section for the proposed sidewalk installation. This particular collision did not involve a pedestrian.

There are no sidewalks along the south side of Crescent Town Road at the present time, leaving pedestrians to walk along adjacent grassy areas behind the curb or, most often during winter months, along the edge of the road. Providing a sidewalk would be a proactive approach towards enhancing pedestrian safety. However, there are mature trees along the boulevard of Crescent Town Road that would be impacted with the construction of a sidewalk within the existing boulevard.

The existing pavement width of Crescent Town Road, between a point 100 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue could be narrowed to accommodate a two metre wide sidewalk, as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421P-0083, dated June, 2008.

Staff of the Toronto Transit Commission have reviewed this proposal and have indicated that the narrowing of Crescent Town Road should not impact transit service.

Crescent Town Road is scheduled for resurfacing in 2008. The construction of this sidewalk will be coordinated with the resurfacing work.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421P-0083, dated June 2008

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