



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Sign – Glen Ames Road Rear of 24 Williamson Road

<b>Date:</b>	August 15, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York – Ward 32
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Te08060te.row

#### SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has assessed a request on behalf of Williamson Road Jr. Public School and Glen Ames Sr. Public School for the installation of a free standing non-illuminated sign which will encroach within the Glen Ames Road public right of way at the rear of 24 Williamson Road.

As the sign will not impact negatively on the public right of way, Transportation Services recommends approval of the encroachment.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. approve the installation of a free standing non-illuminated sign which will encroach within the Glen Ames Road public right of way at the rear of 24 Williamson Road, subject to the property owners entering into an encroachment agreement with the City of Toronto, agreeing to but not limited to the following:
  - a. indemnify the City from and against all actions, suits, claims or demands and from all loss, costs, damages and expenses that may result from such permission granted and providing an insurance policy for such liability for

the lifetime of the Agreement in a form as approved by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and in the amount not less than \$2,000,000 or such greater amount as the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer may require;

- b. maintain the sign at their own expense in good repair and a condition satisfactory to the General Manager of Transportation Services and will not make any additions or modifications to the encroachment beyond what is allowed under the terms of the Agreement;
  - c. pay for the costs of preparing the Agreement and the registration of the Agreement on title;
  - d. remove the sign upon receiving 90 days written notice to do so; and
  - e. accept such additional conditions as the City Solicitor or the General Manager of Transportation Services may deem necessary in the interest of the City;
2. direct Legal Services and/or the General Manager of Transportation Services to extend the Encroachment Agreement to the new owner, in the event of sale or transfer of the property abutting the encroachment, subject to the approval of the General Manager of Transportation Services; and
  3. request Legal Services to prepare, execute and register the Agreement on title.

### **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact to the City as a result of this report.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A streetscape application was received from Victor Ford & Associates on behalf of Williamson Road Jr. Public School and Glen Ames Sr. Public School located at 24 Williamson Road, which includes the installation of a sign which will encroach within the Glen Ames Road public right of way at the rear of 24 Williamson Road.

Photos of the existing pedestrian link, where the sign is proposed, are shown in Appendix 'A'.

The sign is proposed in order to resolve several existing safety issues relating to the pedestrian circulation and overall safety of students as they exit from the school grounds onto Glen Ames Road. Currently, students come directly out of the narrow pedestrian walkway out onto the sidewalk and sometimes the roadway, mid-block creating potential conflicts with vehicles.

The sign will have the names of the schools accompanied by the Toronto District School Board's "apple" logo and will be visible from both east and west directions. The sign is

designed to make an otherwise unseen pedestrian entrance become much more visible for motorists so that they are aware that students could emerge unexpectedly from this location. The sign is supported by two metal posts set back 1.05 m back of sidewalk and provides a 2.8 m vertical clearance from grade. In addition, a 0.94 m high metal pedestrian swing gates will be staggered within the pedestrian walkway to help slow down the flow of pedestrians as they approach the sidewalk and road. The gates are setback 1.05 m and 1.85 m back of the sidewalk, respectively. The gates will be locked in a closed position with padlocks and can only be opened by school staff for the purpose of snow clearing operations or maintenance vehicle access. These metal pedestrian swing gates have been dealt with administratively.

The installation of the sign will attempt to resolve or reduce most of the potential conflicts with vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Glen Ames Road when students leave the school grounds in large groups at lunch and after school.

In order to not delay the project, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, Construction Permit No. 41547201 was issued to the applicant on July 18, 2008, authorizing the associated streetscape work with the condition that the sign would be subject to a report submitted to Community Council.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Applicable regulation**

As there are no provisions within the former City of Toronto municipal Code, Chapter 313, Streets and Sidewalks, to allow for the encroachment of signs within the public right of way, we are required to report to Community Council on this matter.

### **Reasons for approval**

Transportation Services has reviewed the application and determined that the installation of sign on the Glen Ames Road rear of 24 Williamson Road does not impact negatively on the public right of way.

Details of the encroachment are on file with Transportation Services.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix 'A' – photos

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