

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Sundel Avenue at Venn Crescent – Stop Control

Date:	January 12, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 12 – York South-Weston
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to recommend the installation of a northbound stop control on Sundel Avenue at Venn Crescent.

The proposed stop control will enhance the operational and pedestrian safety conditions at this currently uncontrolled intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The installation of a northbound stop control on Sundel Avenue at Venn Crescent.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, on behalf of area residents, requested Transportation Services staff to review the feasibility of implementing a stop control on Sundel Avenue at Venn Crescent.

COMMENTS

Sundel Avenue, between Venn Crescent and Cameron Avenue, is a 7.4 metre wide two-way local road, with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h. Sundel Avenue intersects with Venn Crescent to form a "T" type intersection with Venn Crescent being the through road. The intersection is currently uncontrolled (there are no "Stop" signs at this intersection). The area is primarily single family residential in character.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over a three-year period ending September 30, 2008, disclosed that there have been no reported collisions at the subject intersection.

Field investigations revealed that right-of-way conflicts occur when northbound left-turn vehicles and eastbound or westbound vehicles enter the intersection simultaneously. During morning and afternoon peak period, numerous right-of-way conflicts were observed, notwithstanding the fact that Sundel Avenue is a short roadway.

Transportation Services staff have evaluated this intersection against the criteria governing the installation of "Stop" controls. This evaluation encompasses a review of factors such as right-of-way conflicts, the characteristics of vehicular and pedestrian usage of the intersection, physical and geometric configuration, surrounding area traffic control and safety experience. Staff has concluded as a result of its studies, that the installation of a "Stop" control for northbound traffic is necessary to improve overall traffic safety. Specifically, the installation of a "Stop" control at this intersection would clearly establish right-of-way for vehicular traffic and would enhance pedestrian safety.

To improve the regulation of traffic and to enhance pedestrian safety, it is recommended that a "Stop" control be installed for northbound traffic on Sundel Avenue at Venn Crescent.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map