



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

2009 Capital Works Projects – Highway Alteration By-laws and Sidewalk Installations

Date:	March 4, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Wards 2 – Etobicoke North & Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend the enactment of highway alteration by-laws for the installation of sidewalks and realignments of intersections at various locations in the Etobicoke York District.

The proposed modifications and alterations will be undertaken as part of the 2009 Capital Works Program and will improve traffic operations and enhance pedestrian safety.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operate transit services on these streets, City Council approval of the report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on these matters and concurs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

- (1) The alterations and modifications at various locations within the Etobicoke York District, as indicated in Appendix “A”, and generally as shown on the attached sketches.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the various projects within the Etobicoke York District as indicated in Appendix “A”, have been accommodated in the approved 2009 Capital Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

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*, in that it was required under the previous Municipal Act. Notwithstanding that many pre-amalgamation municipalities had varied practices relating to highway alterations. City Legal staff has advised that any District in Transportation Services needing to make an alteration to a highway, would require the passage of a by-law by City Council. 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

There are a number of projects included in the Transportation Services Division 2009 Capital Works Program in the Etobicoke York District that require Highway Alteration By-laws in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006. These include sidewalk installations and intersection realignments shown on the attached sketches and described in Appendix “A”. The enactment of the necessary highway alteration by-laws is required prior to the construction of the proposed projects.

Since these projects are on transit routes operated by Toronto Transit Commission, TTC staff was consulted on these matters and are in agreement with the proposals.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A”

Attachment 1 Map