



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Bala Avenue and Ernest Dockray Avenue – All-Way Stop Control

Date:	March 23, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 – 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 obtain approval for the implementation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Bala Avenue and Ernest Dockray Avenue.

A staff assessment has determined that although the criteria for the installation of an all-way stop control for this location have not been met; the installation of an all-way stop control will provide a designated crossing location for students and parents that cross Bala Avenue to and from Bala Avenue Community School and enhance pedestrian safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The installation of stop signs for northbound traffic on Bala Avenue at Ernest Dockray Avenue intersection.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Frances Nunziata, on behalf of area residents and Bala Avenue Community School, requested Transportation Services staff to review the feasibility of implementing an all-way stop control at the intersection of Bala Avenue and Ernest Dockray Avenue. A Map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Bala Avenue is a local 7 metre wide, one-way road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Ernest Dockray Avenue is a local 7 metre wide, two-way road with posted speed limit of 50 km/h, forming a “T” type intersection with Bala Avenue. There are sidewalks on both sides of Bala Avenue and Ernest Dockray Avenue. The intersection of Bala Avenue and Ernest Dockray Avenue is controlled by a stop sign on westbound Ernest Dockray Avenue.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over a three-year period ending January 15, 2009, disclosed that there have been no reported collisions at the subject intersection.

The justification for the installation of an all-way stop control is subject to a technical warrant adopted by Toronto City Council based on collision history and traffic volume. The intersection of Bala Avenue and Ernest Dockray Avenue fails to meet the necessary criteria for all-way stop controls; however, on-site observations confirmed that pedestrian and vehicle conflicts do occur at this intersection, specifically during the arrival and dismissal times associated with the school. Transportation staff is of the opinion that the safety concerns at this intersection can be addressed through this form of control.

To improve the regulation of traffic and to enhance pedestrian safety, it is recommended that an all-way stop condition be installed at the subject intersection.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map