



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Duval Drive at Lawrence Avenue West – Turn Prohibition (Removal)

Date:	April 1, 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 propose seek authority for the removal of the existing No Left Turn weekday afternoon peak period regulation on Duval Drive at Lawrence Avenue West. The removal of this Turn Prohibition will not compromise the current Turn Prohibitions at the Keele Street/North Park Drive and Keele Street/Quinan Drive/Wyndale Drive intersections that deter traffic infiltration into the residential community in the north-east quadrant of Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing southbound left turn prohibition on Duval Drive at Lawrence Avenue West, operating from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council at its meeting held on September 26 and 27, 2007 approved the implementation of turn prohibitions for Keele Street at North Park Drive and Keele Street at Quinan Drive/Wyndale Drive, in order to prevent the infiltration of non-residential vehicular traffic on the local roads in the residential community in the north-east quadrant of Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West. Traffic infiltration through this community has been growing as a result of motorists attempting to by-pass the signalized intersection of Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West.

In January 2008, Etobicoke York Community Council approved amendments to the time limit on the turn prohibitions and an additional turn prohibition was also approved and implemented for southbound traffic on Duval Drive at Lawrence Avenue West, effective during the weekday afternoon peak hours (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

COMMENTS

The implementation of a southbound left turn prohibition at Lawrence Avenue West and Duval Drive had originally been advanced as another means of reducing the amount of through traffic using the local residential roads in the north-east quadrant of Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West. The implementation of this regulation however, has caused significant undue hardship to the residents general travel patterns. As a result, the community has requested the possibility of removing this prohibition.

Transportation Services reviewed the request of the residents in context to the other turn prohibitions in the vicinity, mindful of the original reasons for implementing the turn prohibitions. The staff review concluded that removal of the prohibition on Duval Drive at Lawrence Avenue West would not compromise the turn prohibitions in place on Keele Street to address the issue of traffic infiltration.

In conclusion, Transportation Services is recommending the removal of the weekday afternoon peak period Left Turn prohibition on Duval Drive at Lawrence Avenue West.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map