



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Capital Works Projects-2010 – Highway Alteration By-laws and Sidewalk Installations

<b>Date:</b>	October 21, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 - York South-Weston; Ward 12 – York South-Weston; Ward 17 - Davenport
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Etobicoke York\eycc090150

#### 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 enactment of highway alteration by-laws for the installation of sidewalk on the west side of Black Creek Drive and physical modifications at the Ennerdale Road/Holmesdale Road unsignalized intersection.

The proposed alterations and modifications will be undertaken as part of the 2010 Capital Works Program and will enhance pedestrian and vehicular level of service and safety at these locations.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. Construction of a municipal sidewalk on the west side of Black Creek Drive from the south limit of the existing sidewalk, 175 metres south of Eglinton Avenue West to the north limit of Weston Road and generally as shown on the attached drawing No. EY09PPT-1021-02
2. Coincident with the installation of the sidewalk that the “Pedestrian Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on east side of Black Creek Drive from the southerly limit of Eglinton Avenue West to 175m to the south be rescinded.

3. Coincident with the installation of the sidewalk that the “Pedestrian Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on Black Creek Drive from 175m south of Eglinton Avenue West to Weston Road be rescinded.
4. Coincident with the installation of the sidewalk that the “Pedestrian Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on east side of Black Creek Drive from the southerly limit of Eglinton Avenue West to Weston Road be enacted.
5. Reducing the southeast corner radius at the Ennerdale Road/Holmesdale Road intersection to create a typical (90-degree) t-type intersection and generally as shown on the attached drawing No. EY09PPT-1021-03.

### **Financial Impact**

All costs, estimated to be \$94,000 for the proposed Black Creek Drive sidewalk and \$100,000 for the proposed Ennerdale Road/Holmesdale Road intersection physical modifications, will be included in the approved 2010 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**

The proposed Black Creek Drive sidewalk is in response to a motion by Etobicoke York Community Council at the June 9, 2009 meeting (Agenda Item EY 28.39) requiring that the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District report on the issue of providing sidewalk continuity from the south limit of the existing sidewalk to Weston Road, on the west side of Black Creek Drive. The foundation of this motion has to do with the relatively new “No Frills” grocery store development, located at the southwest corner of Eglinton Avenue West and Black Creek Drive.

As part of the development agreement with the City, the applicant was required to construct a sidewalk along the Black Creek Drive frontage of the property where no sidewalk previously existed. The sidewalk, which has since been constructed, currently terminates at the southerly driveway access to the “No Frills” development. This represents a gap in the sidewalk continuity from this point to Weston Road and thus an access restriction and/or a safety issue for pedestrians attracted to the new “No Frills” development, that originate from the residential area in the Weston Road surrounding area. The proposed sidewalk, extending from the south limit of the existing sidewalk to Weston Road, will facilitate access for pedestrians and improve safety for those pedestrians already using this portion of Black Creek Drive. The prohibition of pedestrians on this portion of highway by-law will be repealed with the sidewalk installation.

The proposed Ennerdale Road/Holmesdale Road intersection physical modifications will improve traffic operations by forming a typical (90-degree) intersection and enhance the streetscape in this area by creating more boulevard space at this location. This work will be included as part of the road resurfacing proposed in 2010.

The enactment of the necessary highway alteration by-laws is required prior to the construction of the proposed projects.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map

Attachment 2: Map