

Request for an exemption from the former North York Driveway and Entrance Policy – To permit an over width driveway at 43 Baycrest Avenue

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 Eglinton – Lawrence
Reference Number:	<i>ny09053</i>

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To report on a request for an exemption from the former North York Driveway and Entrance Policy to permit the construction of an over width driveway entrance ramp in connection with the construction of a new single family home at 43 Baycrest Avenue, which does not meet the provisions set out in the City Council approved North York Driveway and Entrance Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. The request for an exemption from the provisions of the North York Driveway and Entrance Policy, to permit an over width driveway at 43 Baycrest Avenue, be denied as this proposal does not satisfy the criteria of that policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

COMMENTS

An application for vehicular access was submitted to the Transportation Services Division in connection with the construction of a new single family home at 43 Baycrest Avenue where the proposed driveway is approximately 0.70 metres wider than the proposed 3.0 metre wide garage door opening.

Provisions of the former North York Driveway and Entrance Policy, as approved by City Council at its meeting on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, requires that the widths of driveway entrances be determined by the widths of either the garage or carport, and for lots not exceeding 18.3 metres in width, the driveway entrance is to have a minimum width of 3.0 metres and not exceed a maximum width of 6.0 metres.

The lot width of the subject property is 13.97 metres, and the owner was advised that the ramp that served the previously existing home at 43 Baycrest Avenue would have to be adjusted to provide the now required 1.0 metre side yard setback, and would not exceed the 3.0 metre width of the proposed garage door opening.

The owner requested consideration be given to allow the proposed driveway to exceed the width of the garage door for aesthetic and accessibility reasons.

Staff cannot approve the proposed driveway as it does not satisfy the requirements of the North York Driveway and Entrance Policy.

Councillor Howard Moscoe has been advised of the contents of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing of encroaching landscape features (*ny09053_drawing*)

