



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Traffic Island – Indian Grove

Date:	April 27, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
Wards:	Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
Report Number:	Ts09090te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting authority to install a modular traffic island/planter box on the east side of Indian Grove, immediately north of the driveway at 1700 Bloor Street West (Vilnius Manor).

The modular traffic island/planter box will serve as a physical deterrent to motorists turning traveling northbound on Indian Grove against the one-way southbound regulation on this street. Installation of the modular traffic island/planter box will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces on Indian Grove.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the narrowing of Indian Grove, from a width of 9.75 metres to a width of 6 metres by the installation of a modular traffic island/planter box, on the east side of the street, between a point 50 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 10 metres further north, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-9604, dated April, 2009.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2009 Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Gord Perks has requested Transportation Services to report on installing a traffic island/planter box on the east side of Indian Grove, beside the driveway leading to 1700 Bloor Street West, to deter wrong-way traffic operation on Indian Grove.

COMMENTS

Indian Grove is a local road with a pavement width of 9.75 metres. Traffic operates one-way southbound on Indian Grove, between Glenlake Avenue and Bloor Street West. Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the east side of Indian Grove and on the west side, from Bloor Street West to a point 82 metres further north. The TTC does not operate transit service on Indian Grove.

Local residents have expressed concern about vehicles traveling the wrong way on the street. It is not clear whether or not this is done deliberately or inadvertently. All appropriate one-way signs are clearly posted and in good condition. However, it has been suggested that patrons and staff of nearby businesses are the predominant offenders.

Given the width of Indian Grove and the absence of on-street parking, the street might give motorists the appearance of a two-way street. Based on staff's investigation and consultation with Councillor Perks, it is felt that installation of the modular traffic island/planter box on the east side of Indian Grove, immediately north of the driveway at 1700 Bloor Street West would enhance motorists awareness of the one-way southbound regulation and deter motorists from traveling in the wrong direction on Indian Grove.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9604, dated April 2009