



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Rescind Right-Turn Prohibition – Sumach Street

<b>Date:</b>	May 29, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09117te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

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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 approval to rescind the northbound right-turn prohibition from Sumach Street onto Spruce Street.

This prohibition was originally part of a traffic management plan to prevent vehicles from cruising through this Cabbagetown Community.

The removal of this right-turn prohibition will provide residents with improved access to Spruce Street.

Transportation Services is also dealing with a request to rescind the westbound right-turn prohibition from Gerrard Street East onto Gifford Street and the westbound right-turn prohibition from Gerrard Street East onto Nasmith Avenue. This matter is dealt with in a companion report entitled, “Rescind Right-Turn Prohibitions – Gerrard Street East” requiring City Council approval.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the “No northbound right-turn from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., all days, bicycles excepted” regulation from Sumach Street to Spruce Street.

## Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2009 Operating Budget	\$500.00

## DECISION HISTORY

The former City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of April 18, 1994 (Report 6, Clause 29), approved among other items a westbound right-turn prohibition at Gerrard Street East and Nasmith Avenue; a westbound right-turn prohibition at Gerrard Street East and Gifford Street; and a northbound right-turn prohibition, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. at Sumach Street and Spruce Street. These regulations were intended to deter non-resident circulating traffic and discourage street solicitation in the area bounded by Parliament Street, Spruce Street, River Street and Gerrard Street East.

The former City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of June 19, 1996 (Report 9, Clause 15), approved among other items that cyclists be exempted from the right turn prohibitions at Gerrard Street East and Gifford Street, Gerrard Street East and Nasmith Avenue, and Sumach Street and Spruce Street.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Following a request from the Don Vale Cabbagetown Residents Association, Councillor Pam McConnell requested that Transportation Services consider removing the existing westbound right-turn prohibitions from Gerrard Street East to Nasmith Avenue and Gifford Street, and the northbound right-turn prohibition from Sumach Street to Spruce Street. Residents indicate that street solicitation no longer exists in this area, and they would like the right-turn prohibitions removed to allow for easier access to properties on Spruce Street to the east of Gifford Street

## COMMENTS

Spruce Street, connects Parliament Street and River Street, one block north of Gerrard Street East. Spruce Street is a one-way eastbound local roadway with traffic calming and a speed limit of 30 km/h. Sumach Street is a one-way northbound local roadway with traffic calming and a speed limit of 30 km/h. Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Gerrard Street East and Sumach Street. There is no TTC service on Sumach Street or Spruce Street. Northbound right turns are prohibited from Sumach Street to Spruce Street between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., all days (bicycles excepted).

The existing turn prohibition has caused routing difficulties for residents trying to access Spruce Street, between Sumach Street and River Street from westbound Gerrard Street East. Currently, because Sackville Street (located one block west of Sumach Street) operates one-way southbound, residents must travel west on Gerrard Street East to Parliament Street, north on Parliament Street and turn right onto Spruce Street.

Since these streets provide only local access, removing this turn prohibition will simplify access for residents and will have minimal impact on traffic operations.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

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