



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2010 Canadian Open – Temporary Road Closings and Parking Regulation Amendments

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From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Traffic Management Plan prepared by IBI Group on behalf of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA), relating to the full closure of Islington Avenue, between Eglinton Avenue West and The Kingsway, for a period up to three weeks, from Saturday, July 10, 2010, to Friday, July 30, 2010.

The closing is required as the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) is hosting the 2010 Canadian Open at St. George's Golf and Country Club, located on Islington Avenue, between the intersections of Ridge Valley Crescent/Prince George Drive and Princess Margaret Boulevard/Poplar Heights Drive. The closing includes the Pre-tournament (July 10 to July 18), Tournament (July 19 to July 25) and the Post-tournament (July 26 to July 30) events.

This report also recommends implementing temporary parking and stopping regulations on area streets during the Tournament week (July 19, 2010 to July 25, 2010) on area streets.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) has a route on Islington Avenue, therefore City Council approval of this report is required. The TTC has been consulted regarding these issues contained in this report and have no concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council approve:

1. Receipt of the Traffic Management Plan.

2. Closing Islington Avenue to vehicle traffic from Eglinton Avenue West to The Kingsway, for the period from July 10, 2010, to July 30, 2010.
3. Introducing temporary parking regulations on the streets in the vicinity of St. George's Golf and Country Club as described in Appendix A of this report.
4. That all costs associated with the road closings, including the costs of restoring and cleaning the streets following each event, as well as installing/removing temporary parking restrictions, shall be completed by the Royal Canadian Golf Association to the satisfaction of the Transportation Services Division, and at no cost to the City.

Financial Impact

Approving the road closing has no financial impact on the City. The Royal Canadian Golf Association organizers are responsible for all costs associated with the proposed road closings and temporary parking restrictions.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In July 2010, the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) will be hosting the 2010 Canadian Open at St. George's Golf and Country Club in the City of Toronto. Since early 2008, staff from various City divisions have been working closely on this event with the RCGA. This is a premier event, with international media exposure and spin-off economic impacts that showcase, the City of Toronto.

Three Public Information Meetings have been held on the matter. The first was held on Monday, June 9, 2008, at Richview Collegiate with Councillor Lindsay Luby. The second was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at York Humber H.S. with Councillor Nunziata. Both meetings were well attended with the project favourably received by the public.

A report on the event was presented to the Economic Development Committee by the Executive Director, Tourism, on June 12, 2008. That report advised that a further report would be submitted to Etobicoke York Community Council, in advance and closer to the start date, providing details of the proponent's Traffic Management Plan.

A follow-up meeting was held by Councillor Lindsay Luby at Richview Collegiate on Thursday, December 3, 2009, presenting the findings and preliminary results of the Traffic Management Plan, and to answer any questions from adjoining neighbourhoods.

Chapter 937-3 of the Toronto Municipal Code authorizes staff to temporarily close to vehicle traffic any portion of a road for a period of not more than four consecutive days for social, recreational, community, athletic or cinematographic purposes. This proposed closing will be in effect for 21 days and needs Council's approval.

Attachment 1 is a map of the area.

COMMENTS

St George's Golf and Country Club is located between Ridge Valley Crescent/Prince George Drive and Princess Margaret Boulevard/Poplar Heights Drive intersections.

Islington Avenue is a four-lane major arterial road. On the section of road between Eglinton Avenue West and The Kingsway (closure area), the only properties with direct driveway access to this section of road are located between The Kingsway and Ridge Valley Crescent/Prince George Drive. Between Princess Margaret Boulevard/Poplar Heights Drive and Eglinton Avenue West, there are residential properties with reverse lot frontages. The only properties with direct driveway access to this section of Islington Avenue are the fire station and Richview Collegiate Institute.

One of the 2010 Canadian Open event requirements is to close Islington Avenue, between Eglinton Avenue West and The Kingsway, to vehicle traffic between July 10, 2010, and July 30, 2010. The closing is necessary to position television and communication equipment, and ancillary facilities related to the needs of the players, spectators, the media and sponsors. The first week of the closure is for setup. The second week is for the actual event, with the third week for dismantling.

To assess the impacts on general traffic circulation in the area as well as emergency services (Police, Fire, EMS), Toronto Transit Commission and the immediate neighbourhood, the RCGA retained the engineering consulting firm of IBI Group to prepare a Traffic Management Plan, a standard requirement of the City for road closures of this size. The Traffic Management Plan addresses issues relating to safety, security, emergency access, transit, pedestrians/cyclists, vehicle access and parking.

The Plan proposes mitigating measures to minimize traffic impacts as a result of event related traffic diversion infiltration, parking generation; and proposes an emergency vehicle clearway on Islington Avenue during the event. The Plan was prepared in consultation with all affected authorities, including the Toronto Police Service and the Parking Enforcement Unit, EMS, Fire Service, Toronto Transit Commission, Transportation Services Division (including our Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure section), and the Toronto Parking Authority.

The Traffic Management Plan includes the following major components: Traffic Flow Plan; Site Access and Parking Plan; Traffic Control Plan; Traveller and Resident Information Plan; Traffic Incident Management and Safety Plan; and, Contingency Planning.

The Islington Golf and Country Club, which is on the west side of Islington Avenue, north of Dundas Street West, will be used by the players as a practise/driving range. Players will drive from the Islington Golf Course to the St. George's Golf Course in mixed traffic for approximately 1.5 km.

Signalized intersections will be monitored to adjust timing to suit any changes to the traffic patterns during the closure.

Toronto Transit Commission service re-routing has been arranged for the three week closing of Islington Avenue. Initially buses were to be rerouted both northbound and southbound around the closure via The Kingsway, Princess Margaret Boulevard, Bemersyde Drive and Eglinton Avenue West; however, due to resident concerns specifically on Bemersyde Drive, the route was amended so that only southbound buses will use this route. Northbound buses will continue along The Kingsway to Kipling Avenue, to Eglinton Avenue West and then back to Islington Avenue.

Major parking lot locations and shuttle services to reduce auto travel to the event will be implemented. The parking lots will likely be to the northwest of the Golf Club, with the shuttle drop-off likely to be located at Richview Collegiate Institute or, secondarily, St. George's Public School on Princess Margaret Boulevard. The details of this arrangement have yet to be finalized.

Many spectators may also choose to use TTC buses to attend this event as the buses will provide convenient drop-off/pick-up for patrons.

Normally, parking is allowed for up to three hours on most of the residential streets in the vicinity of St. George's Golf and Country Club. Leaving this regulation in place will allow event patrons to park on the streets for long durations, potentially reducing the effective road width to one lane of travel; consequently to discourage on-street parking temporary restrictions on adjacent neighbourhood roads will be enacted during the tournament times (Monday, July 19, 2010 to Sunday, July 25, 2010), between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents who require parking on-street due to a special event at their home during this time can apply for parking consideration through the Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement Unit.

The exception to these parking regulations will be on the following streets or portions of streets:

- Islington Avenue between The Kingsway and Ridgevalley Crescent;
- Ridgevalley Crescent and Ridgecross Road;
- Prince George Drive east of Princess Anne Crescent; and
- Princess Margaret Boulevard east of Palace Arch Drive.

Residents of the above areas will be required to obtain "hang tags" for their vehicles. The official "hang tag" will be displayed on the vehicles of the residents. It is anticipated that these "hang tags" will be distributed by mail or made available at St. George's Golf and Country Club. Access to these streets will be within the area controlled by pay duty police. As such, to gain access to these areas, residents will need to display their "hang tags".

En-route Traveller Information Plan with advance static signing, changeable message signs, and media releases will be arranged by the RCGA. The signs will be posted at strategic locations throughout the immediate area including major arterial roads, the Gardiner Expressway, Highway 427 and 401 advising of the event closure and duration.

To ensure that other key roads in the area and vicinity are open and not under planned construction activities, the City's Infrastructure Planning Group has made all other public utilities and agencies aware of the event and the road closing, so that no planned works (other than emergencies) take place on adjacent arterial roads in the vicinity of the closing, including Martin Grove Road, Kipling Avenue, Royal York Road, Rathburn Road, Dixon Road, Bloor Street West, and Dundas Street West.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A	Table 1
Attachment 1:	Map 1
Attachment 2:	RCGA 2010 Canadian Open Transportation Management Plan

APPENDIX A – Parking Regulations to be Implemented

No Parking Certain Times

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Days
Aderno Court	Both	Eden Valley Drive and the east limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Bemersyde Drive	Both	Princess Margaret Boulevard and Eglinton Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Benedict Road	Both	Princess Anne Crescent (west intersection) and Princess Anne Crescent (east intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Bournemouth Road	Both	Princess Anne Crescent and Bemersyde Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Byland Road	Both	Kipling Avenue and Princess Anne Crescent	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Cheviot Place	Both	Princess Anne Crescent and the north limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Eden Valley Road	Both	Eglinton Avenue and Poplar Heights Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010

Evesham Court	Both	Ravensbourne Crescent and the north limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Forfar Court	Both	Bournemouth Road and the north limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Ireland Court	Both	Bournemouth Road and the north limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Kingsfold Court	Both	Princess Anne Crescent and the east limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Oldham Road	Both	The Kingsway and Bemersyde Drive (north intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Palace Arch Drive	Both	Princess Margaret Boulevard and Prince George Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Poplar Heights Drive	Both	Islington Avenue and Eden Valley Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Princess Margaret Boulevard	Both	The Kingsway and Palace Arch Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Princess Anne Crescent	Both	Bournemouth Road and Prince George Drive (east intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010

Prince George Both Drive		The Kingsway and Princess Anne Crescent (east intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Ravensbourne Both Crescent		Princess Anne Crescent (north intersection) and Princess Anne Crescent (south intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Robaldon Road	Both	Poplar Heights Drive and Eden Valley Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Tettenhall Road	Both	Princess Anne Crescent and Bemersyde Drive	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
The Kingsway Both		Islington Avenue and Kipling Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Twyford Road	Both	The Kingsway and Princess Anne Crescent	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Twyford Court	Both	Princess Anne Crescent and the north limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Vancho Crescent	Both	Poplar Heights Drive (north intersection) and Poplar Height Drive (south intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010
Winterbourne Court	Both	Bournemouth Road and the north limit of the road	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from and including Mon., July 19, 2010 to and including Sun., July 25, 2010