

**MOTION  
ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**City-owned land between the south limit of Portage Avenue and the north right-of-way limit of Gary Drive**

**Moved By:** **Councillor** **Nunziata**

**SUMMARY:**

I have been contacted by both Portage Avenue property owners and other area residents regarding an existing 10 metre wide strip of City-owned land, located between the south limit of the north leg of Portage Avenue and the north right-of-way limit of Gary Drive to formalize legal access to the City-owned land from Portage Avenue which is restricted by a 1 ft. reserve at the southern terminus of Portage Avenue. These lands are currently, and have historically been used as a public walkway and serve as vehicular access to 74 and 76 Portage Avenue.

Staff have advised that the land in question was to be dedicated as public right-of-way once additional land was acquired through the future development of the abutting properties, for the purpose of creating a cul-de-sac at the south terminus of Portage Avenue; the City has not yet acquired any additional land, and staff have advised that it is not likely that the abutting properties will redevelop in the future.

The City land in question is currently used by area residents to access Gary Drive from Portage Avenue, without having to walk around the whole block. Residents have indicated that they would like this land, currently heavily used as a walkway, to be maintained as such. In addition, the unneeded 1 ft reserve limits the legal vehicular access that 74 and 76 Portage Avenue have to Portage Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Etobicoke-York Community Council direct the Director of Transportation Services, Etobicoke-York District, to report back to the March 9, 2010 meeting of Etobicoke-York Community Council on the following:

1. Dedicating the existing 10 metre wide strip of City-owned land located between the south limit of the north leg of Portage Avenue and the north right-of-way limit of Gary Drive as a

public walkway and to allow the owners of 74 and 76 Portage Avenue vehicular access to their properties from Portage Avenue.

2. Removing the 1 ft reserve in place at the north end of the existing City-owned land located between the south limit of Portage Avenue and the north right-of-way limit of Gary Drive and dedicating the reserve as public highway.

January 12, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances Mungo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "F".