



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Fifth Street at Lake Shore Boulevard West– Highway Alteration By-law

Date:	April 6, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to recommend enacting a highway alteration by-law related to narrowing the south approach of the intersection of Fifth Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West.

The proposed alteration is undertaken as part of Contract No. 10EY-24RD, and will improve the streetscape along Lake Shore Boulevard West at Fifth Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- (1) The alterations and modifications on the south approach to the intersection of Fifth Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West, as shown in Appendix A, and generally as shown on attached drawing No.10570p1.

Financial Impact

All costs, estimated to be \$30,000.00, associated with improving the south approach of the Fifth Street/Lake Shore Boulevard West intersection, will be charged to Business Services, Economic Development Culture and Tourism, Account No. CED049.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, requires by-laws for altering highways. This is not a new requirement of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, but a carryover from the previous *Municipal Act*. Notwithstanding that many pre-amalgamation municipalities had different practices relating to highway alterations, City Legal staff advised that any District in Transportation Services needing to physically alter a highway requires passing a by-law by City Council. Alterations requiring approval typically include road narrowing/widening and installing lay-bys, medians and other intersection improvements.

COMMENTS

The Lakeshore Villages Business Improvement Association, in coordination with the City's Business Services, Economic Development Culture and Tourism Unit, is undertaking a project to improve the boulevard streetscaping along Lake Shore Boulevard West, from First Street to Kipling Avenue. The BIA has designed a village square that includes benches, flower beds and other landscaping proposed at the southeast corner of Fifth Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West.

A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Photographs of the site are shown in Attachment 2.

Fifth Street, in the area of Lake Shore Boulevard West, is a local road operating one-way northbound. The intersection of Fifth Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West is controlled by traffic signals. The south approach of the intersection of Fifth Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West is 11 metres wide from curb to curb. Pay and display parking is located in lay-bys on the east and west sides of Fifth Street, south of Lake Shore Boulevard West. Parking is angled and parallel to the curb on the east side and west sides, respectively.

To accommodate the streetscape project, the south approach of the intersection of Fifth Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West will require narrowing to 8.5 metres, curb to curb. The concrete boulevard at the southeast corner needs to be extended to the south, resulting in the loss of two parking stalls on the east side of Fifth Street. The Toronto Parking Authority has been advised and has no concerns with eliminating these stalls. The proposed alterations are shown in Attachment No.3. and described in Appendix A. These modifications reduce the pedestrian crossing distance at the south approach to the intersection and will enhance the streetscape in this area by creating more boulevards available for use by pedestrians.

The proposed improvements will be constructed under contract No.10EY-24RD. Enacting this highway alteration by-law is required before the City can construct these improvements.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A”

Attachment 1:	Area Map
Attachment 2:	Drawing #10570p1
Attachment 3:	Aerial Photograph
Attachment 4:	Photo

Appendix “A”

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Location Requiring a Highway Alteration By-Law

Intersection Improvement

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
6	Fifth Street	Lake Shore Boulevard West		Narrowing of the south approach of the intersection to 8.5 metres. This narrowing is achieved through a boulevard extension westward at the southeast corner. In addition, the concrete boulevard will be extended southward, eliminating two angled parking spaces.	To improve the streetscape in the area by creating more boulevard space.