



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

O'Leary Avenue– Highway Alteration By-law

Date:	May 3, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 – Davenport
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100082-to

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 the installation of a new portion of sidewalk as well as the widening of the existing sidewalk on the north side of O'Leary Avenue between Oakwood Avenue and Glenholme Avenue.

Since the budget for new sidewalks in 2010 has already been allocated to existing projects within the City of Toronto, this proposed sidewalk will be included in the 2011 budget for new sidewalk installation, subject to competing priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- (1) The alterations and modifications on O'Leary Avenue, as shown in Appendix A, and generally as shown on the attached drawings.

Financial Impact

All costs, estimated to be \$287,850.00, associated with the installation of the sidewalk, including the relocation of poles, is included in the 2011 Sidewalk Installation budget.

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

A request was received from Councillor Palacio, on behalf of area residents, to review the feasibility of widening the very narrow sidewalk on O’Leary Avenue and making this sidewalk continuous between Oakwood Avenue and Glenholme Avenue. Maps of the area are Attachments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Photographs of the site are shown in Attachments 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

O’Leary Avenue is a local road operating one-way westbound. As this road is very narrow, it appears to operate as a laneway, however, it is classified as a local road. A large portion of the north side of the road does contain a sidewalk; however, most of this sidewalk is very narrow (1.3 metres). In addition, many of the residents have placed planters on the sidewalk further narrowing the effective width. Metal bollards have also been installed on the sidewalk to prevent motorists from parking on the sidewalk.

At three locations along O’Leary Avenue, pinch points along with speed humps, have been installed. The road width varies being 4.6 metres wide at locations, but narrows to about 3.7 metres at the pinch point locations. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the road.

To accommodate the continuous sidewalk on the north side of O’Leary Avenue, the boulevard on the south side has to be reduced, a hydro pole relocated, and the road narrowed to 3.7 metres. In addition, specifically near Glenholme Avenue, a private fence along the side of a residential property, has to be removed to accommodate the new sidewalk.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A”
Attachments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5: Drawings
Attachments 6, 7, 8, 9, 10: Photographs

Appendix "A"

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Location Requiring a Highway Alteration By-Law

Sidewalk Installation

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
17	O'Leary Avenue	Oakwood Avenue	Glenholme Avenue	Narrowing of the road to 3.7 metres. This narrowing to accommodate a 1.7 metre wide sidewalk on the north side of the road.	To install a standard width continuous sidewalk.