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MEMO

To: Chair & Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Councillor Suzan Hall

Date: May 21, 2010

Re: **Request for Traffic Control Signals at Gihon Spring Drive and Steeles Avenue West**

SUMMARY:

Local residents have expressed the need for traffic control signals at the intersection of Steeles Avenue West and Gihon Spring Drive as it is dangerous to turn onto a main arterial with heavy vehicular volumes on Steeles Avenue West.

The construction of a senior's retirement building (Leisure World) at 5400 Steeles Avenue West has augmented the need for traffic control signals at Gihon Spring Drive as many residents and visitors use the facility. Volunteers from north Etobicoke also walk across Steeles to the retirement home. My office has been contacted by York Region Councillor Joyce Frustaglio who is supporting the need for traffic control signals at this location.

The original agreement with Vaughan around Leisure World stated that if there was any further development in the vicinity, the developer would fund traffic control signals if warrants were achieved. At this point, there has been no further development.

The most recent traffic study (File 3649393) shows that volumes were not achieved. While the result of the traffic study is acknowledged, an exception should be made as the intersection is unique with the senior's home being located on this very busy and confusing traffic area that impacts on neighbouring municipalities.

Therefore, a cost-sharing agreement between the City of Toronto and the Region of York is being proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. request the Director, Transportation Services – Etobicoke York District to undertake preliminary discussions with the Region of York with respect to a cost-sharing agreement with the Region of York for the installation of semi-actuated detector traffic control signals at Gihon Springs Road and Steeles Avenue West, and report back to the Community Council on the outcome of the discussions.