

**Clouston Avenue and Sykes Avenue – Highway  
Alteration By-law**

<b>Date:</b>	June 2, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100102-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 following physical road modifications:

- a new 1.8 metre wide sidewalk on the south side of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road
- a widening of the existing sidewalk to 1.8 metres on the north side of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road
- a narrowing of the travelled portion of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road to 7.5 metres
- a new turning basin at the west limit of Clouston Avenue
- a widening of the existing sidewalk to 1.8 metres on the east and south sides of Sykes Avenue, from Denison Road West to Weston Road
- a narrowing of the travelled portion of Sykes Avenue to 8.5 metres wide from Denison Road West to Weston Road.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. The alterations and modifications on Clouston Avenue and Sykes Avenue, as highlighted in Appendix A, and specifically as shown on the attached drawing numbers U-511-001, U-905-001 and U-905-002.

## **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the installation of the sidewalk are included in the 2010 Sidewalk Installation/Capital Works budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

This year's Reconstruction Program includes both Sykes Avenue and a portion of Clouston Avenue. When roads are due for reconstruction, there is a benefit in terms of cost to propose and arrange various improvements or alterations in conjunction with the regular road reconstruction. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

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**

Clouston Avenue and Sykes Avenue are two-way local roads. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the road. Both Clouston Avenue and Sykes Avenue are due for reconstruction this year.

For Clouston Avenue and Sykes Avenue, we identified, or concurred with Staff from other Divisions, the following suggested physical improvements in conjunction with the programmed reconstruction of these roads:

- a new 1.8 metre wide sidewalk on the south side of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road
- a widening of the existing sidewalk to 1.8 metres on the north side of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road
- a narrowing of the travelled portion of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road to 7.5 metres to accommodate 1.8 metre sidewalks
- a new turning basin at the west limit of Clouston Avenue to improve manoeuvrability of vehicles and emergency vehicles
- a widening of the existing sidewalk to 1.8 metres on the east and south sides of Sykes Avenue from Denison Road West to Weston Road
- a narrowing of the travelled portion of Sykes Avenue to 8.5 metres wide from Denison Road West to Weston Road.

A new sidewalk on the south side of Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Centre Road will improve pedestrian safety and provide increased continuity of the surrounding area's sidewalk network.

Sidewalk widths of 1.8 metres are now standard in the City. The existing sidewalks on Clouston Avenue and Sykes Avenue average less than 1.8 metres in width.

Local road widths of 8.5 metres are desirable; however, to accommodate the 1.8 metre wide sidewalk on the south side of Clouston Avenue, a very slight narrowing to 7.5 metres in width is required. This still maintains safe passage for two way vehicular traffic on a Local road and will limit the impact and the removal of some of the boulevard trees.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A

Attachment 1:

Area Map

Attachments 2, 3 and 4:

Engineering Drawings:

U-511-001

U-905-001

U-905-002

## APPENDIX A

### Location Requiring a Highway Alteration By-Law

#### Sidewalk Installation

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
11	Clouston Avenue	Denison Road West	Centre Road	Narrowing of the road to 7.5 metres and construction of turning basin at its westerly limit.	To accommodate 1.8 metre wide sidewalks on the north and south sides of the road and to facilitate manoeuvrability of vehicles and emergency vehicles turning at the west limit of the road.
11	Sykes Avenue	Denison Road West	Weston Road	Narrowing of the road to 8.5 metres.	To accommodate a 1.8 metre wide sidewalk on the east and south side of the road.