



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Runnymede Road and Ryding Avenue/Plaza Driveway (2471/2525 St. Clair Avenue) – Westbound “Compulsory Turn” Regulation

<b>Date:</b>	July 15, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100115-to

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to prohibit traffic movements between the driveway to the plaza on the southwest corner of St. Clair Avenue West and Runnymede Road (Wal-Mart/BMO) and Ryding Avenue.

The proposed through prohibition will prevent vehicles from travelling from the plaza onto Ryding Avenue, thus forcing motorists exiting from the plaza to turn left or right onto Runnymede Road. Approval of this report will result in “No Through” signs being posted for vehicles exiting from the driveway.

As the TTC operates bus service on Runnymede Road, TTC staff has been advised of this recommendation and concur.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Enacting a “Compulsory Turn” regulation during all time periods for westbound traffic exiting the driveway from 2174/2525 St. Clair Avenue West, located on Runnymede Road opposite Ryding Avenue.

#### Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services staff attended a number of meetings with residents of Ryding Avenue regarding their concerns about traffic volume on this street. One of the requests we received from the community was to consider prohibiting the movement of traffic between the plaza driveway opposite Ryding Avenue and Ryding Avenue. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

## **COMMENTS**

Ryding Avenue is primarily a local residential road located in the community to the south of St. Clair Avenue West, east of Runnymede Road. Speed humps exist on this street along with a 30 km/h speed limit. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the majority of the street. Runnymede Road is a two lane minor arterial road.

To quantify concerns, studies were conducted between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. recording the volume of traffic exiting from the plaza driveway. Over this two hour study, the majority of traffic turned right or left onto Runnymede Road (198 turns or 87% of the exiting traffic), with 30 or 13% of the traffic proceeding onto Ryding Avenue.

Based on our observations, we can support the request to prohibit through movements during all time periods exiting from the plaza driveway onto Ryding Avenue. All businesses within the plaza (Wal-Mart, BMO Bank, EB Games, CitiFinancial, CP Rail and Lambton Yard) have been advised of this recommendation.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1:           Map