
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM46.3	ACTION			Ward: 20
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Regulations to Deter through Traffic Movement – Barton Avenue at Christie Street - by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Item TE27.76. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open that Item.*

Recommendations

Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone, recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the prohibition on left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, (bicycles excepted) by southbound traffic from Christie on to Barton Avenue.

Summary

At its meeting on September 30 and October 1, 2009 City Council adopted a recommendation from the Toronto and East York Community Council to prohibit left turns from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, (bicycles excepted) by southbound traffic from Christie Street onto Barton Avenue.

This regulation was supported by local residents who live on Barton Avenue and are concerned about the volume and speed of commuter traffic that cuts through the neighbourhood and poses a safety hazard to pedestrians, particularly children walking to school.

After the above turn restriction was approved, members of the broader community in Seaton Village contacted my office to express concerns about how the turn restriction would impact other streets in the neighbourhood. As a result, despite the turn restriction being passed, Transportation staff agreed to hold off on installing the turn restriction until I could conduct broader community consultation.

On February 3, 2010, I held a community meeting at Palmerston Public School. In addition, I encouraged residents to contact my office to share their feedback on the turn restriction. At the meeting, the community reached a consensus to rescind the turn restriction in favour of exploring and implementing other methods of slowing down traffic.

REQUIRES RE-OPENING:

Toronto and East York Community Council Item 27.76 (City Council decision September 30 and October 1, 2009), as it relates to Regulations to Deter through Traffic Movement – Barton Avenue at Christie Street.

(Submitted to City Council on February 22 and 23, 2010 as MM46.3)