

**Request for an exemption from the former North York Driveway and Entrance Policy: To permit a circular driveway entirely within the municipal right-of-way at 187 Gordon Road**

<b>Date:</b>	January 13, 2010
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 25 Don Valley West</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny10023</i>

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To report on a request for an exemption from the former North York Driveway and Entrance Policy to permit the construction of a circular driveway entirely within the municipal right of way at 187 Gordon Road, which does not meet the provisions set out in the City Council approved North York Driveway and Entrance Policy.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Deny the request for an exemption from the provisions of the North York Driveway and Entrance Policy as this proposal does not satisfy the criteria of that policy.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## COMMENTS

An application for a circular driveway was submitted to Transportation Services in connection with the construction of a new single family home at 187 Gordon Road where the proposed circular driveway is located entirely within the municipal right-of-way.

Provisions of the former North York Driveway and Entrance Policy, as approved by City Council at its meeting on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, requires that the curved portion of the circular driveway be located within private property, and that the two legs of the driveway intersect the street line at a ninety degree angle.

The lot width of the subject property is approximately 15.25 m, and the landscaping drawings submitted in support of this proposal demonstrate that the landscaped open space requirements within the City boulevard can still be satisfied, notwithstanding the entire driveway being proposed to be located in this area.

The owner requested consideration be given to allow the proposed circular driveway to be located entirely within the City boulevard as the property is served by a basement level garage and elevator to facilitate the ingress/egress of a disabled and elderly member of his family, and the daily pick-up and/or drop-off of this family member on site by a wheel chair accessible van. The option of a 'hammerhead' was explored and was found to be unworkable given the back slope of the driveway at the point it would intersect the existing back sloping driveway.

Staff cannot approve the proposed driveway as it does not satisfy the requirements of the North York Driveway and Entrance Policy.

Should Council approve this proposal, it is recommended that this encroaching circular driveway be removed upon such time as a person with disabilities no longer reside at this address full time.

Councillor Cliff Jenkins has been advised of the contents of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Drawing of encroaching landscape features (*ny10023\_drawing*)