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Toronto City Council Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

Chair and Members
Toronto and East York Community Council

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Summary:

At its meeting on September 15, 2009, the Toronto and East York Community Council adopted the following:

• City Council 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. Please see the staff report, attached.

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 Febrary 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.

Recommendation:

1. 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 Street onto Barton Avenue.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Yours Truly,

Adam Vaughan, City Councillor Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

