



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Roadway Alterations – Fermanagh Avenue, Galley Avenue and Ritchie Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	June 7, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts10106te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

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This report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to widen Fermanagh Avenue and narrow Galley Avenue, Ritchie Avenue, in accordance with Item PW24.5, containing a staff report (April 20, 2009) entitled “Roncesvalles Avenue Streetscape Improvements – Class Environmental Assessment Study” from the General Manager, Transportation Services, that was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on May 25, 26 and 27, 2009.

The alterations to Galley Avenue and Ritchie Avenue will enhance pedestrian safety by providing a wider sidewalk. Removal of the modular traffic island/planter box on Fermanagh Avenue will provide for a planned cycling lane on the street.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Approve the widening of Fermanagh Avenue, from a width of 4.3 metres to a width of 7.3 metres by removing a modular traffic island/planter box currently located on the south side of Fermanagh Avenue, east of Roncesvalles Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing Nos. 421G-0062, dated June 2010, attached to the report dated June 7, 2010 entitled, “Roadway Alterations – Fermanagh Avenue, Galley Avenue and Ritchie Avenue”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District.

2. Approve the narrowing of Galley Avenue, from a width of 7.4 metres to a width of 6 metres, from Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 15 metres further east by building out the southeast corner of the intersection, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0042, dated May 2010, attached to the report dated June 7, 2010 entitled, “Roadway Alterations – Fermanagh Avenue, Galley Avenue and Ritchie Avenue”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District.
3. Approve the narrowing of Ritchie Avenue, from a width of 8.5 metres to a width of 6 metres, from Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 26.7 metres further east by building out the southeast corner of the intersection, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0037, dated May 2010, attached to the report dated June 7, 2010 entitled, “Roadway Alterations – Fermanagh Avenue, Galley Avenue and Ritchie Avenue”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District.
4. Prohibit standing on the south side of Ritchie Avenue, from Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 20 metres further north/east.

## **Financial Impact**

The estimated cost of the roadway alterations outlined in this report is \$250,000.00. Funds for this project are available within the 2010 Capital Budget (Roncesvalles Avenue Road and Sidewalk Works – 10EY-08RD)

## **COMMENTS**

A Technical Advisory Committee comprised of staff from Transportation Services, Technical Services, Toronto Water, Economic Development, Urban Forestry and the Toronto Transit Commission, in consultation with Councillor Gord Perks, was established to develop and evaluate alternative design concepts for Roncesvalles Avenue that would promote public transit, strengthen the Village Business District, and improve pedestrian infrastructure.

As part of the reconstruction project for Roncesvalles Avenue, between The Queensway/Queen Street West and Dundas Street West through the construction of new streetcar loading platforms, the provision of gateway features, landscape improvements, wider sidewalks, and other public realm improvements the design includes enhancing pedestrian safety at the intersections of Galley Avenue and Ritchie Avenue by providing a wider sidewalk at the intersection and decreasing the crossing distance for pedestrians.

The proposed removal of the modular traffic island/planter box on the south side of Fermanagh Avenue, east of Roncesvalles Avenue will provide for a planned cycling lane on the street.

## **CONCLUSION**

The road modifications are planned as part of the reconstruction project for Roncesvalles Avenue, between The Queensway/Queen Street West and Dundas Street West.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0037, dated May 2010
- (2) Drawing No. 421G-0042, dated May 2010
- (3) Drawing No. 421G-0062, dated June 2010

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