

## **Turn Restriction: Duplex Avenue at Finch Avenue West**

<b>Date:</b>	April 1, 2011
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 23 - Willowdale</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny11059</i>

### **SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Finch Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to alter the existing southbound left turn at anytime restriction at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Duplex Avenue to a no left turn by time of day.

The implementation of the proposed left turn prohibition would be in keeping with an approved Site Plan Agreement and would maintain prohibited turns during the peak hours while permitting southbound left turns during the mid day period, evenings and on weekends.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Amend the existing by-law to delete the southbound left turn prohibition at any time at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Duplex Avenue; and
2. Amend the by-law to prohibit southbound left turns from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Duplex Avenue.

## **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with amending the prohibited left turn regulations at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Duplex Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2011 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of February 12, 2008, North York Community Council in keeping with an approved site plan agreement with Meridian Residences Inc. adopted a recommendation in staff report NY13.8 – Turn Restriction: Duplex Avenue at Finch Avenue West to prohibit the southbound left turns at any time at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Duplex Avenue. Meridian Residences Inc. has since constructed two condominium towers on the north side of Finch Avenue West, between Duplex Avenue and Greenview Avenue, containing 407 and 336 residential units, respectively. The development also consists of 10 residential townhouse units and 13 townhouse units.

Since the completion of the development, staff have received numerous complaints from residents to review the removal of the southbound left turn prohibition during the off-peak and weekend periods as residents are experiencing inconvenience and unnecessary delays due to the existing southbound left turn prohibition during all time periods of the day.

## **COMMENTS**

Currently, the residents of the condominiums wishing to travel eastbound on Finch Avenue West are forced to travel via the signalized intersection of Beecroft Road/Greenview Avenue and Finch Avenue West.

Staff review has indicated that the removal of the existing southbound left turn prohibition during the weekday off-peak periods and all time periods during the weekend will not cause an adverse impact on traffic at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Duplex Avenue.

The implementation of the proposed southbound left turn prohibition during 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, will maintain the traffic pattern on Duplex Avenue during the peak volume periods while permitting residents access to Finch Avenue West during the off peak periods.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Duplex Avenue at Finch Av W; Turn Restriction