



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Highway Alteration – Islington Avenue north of Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway

Date:	May 9, 2012
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	p:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc120089-to

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting City Council authority to alter Islington Avenue, north of Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway, by installing a raised centre median from the north stop line to a point 45 metres north of the intersection.

The proposed centre median will prevent left turns in and out of the driveway to 1286-1294 Islington Avenue. By preventing these left turns, we will improve traffic flow and reduce the conflicts that can result from motorists accessing this driveway in close proximity to the signalized intersection of Islington Avenue and Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council approve:

- (1) The alterations and modifications on Islington Avenue, to introduce a new raised centre median island from the north stop line of Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway to a point 45 metres further north, as indicated in Appendix “A”, and generally shown on the attached sketch, Attachment 1.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the highway alteration on Islington Avenue, as indicated in Appendix “A”, will be funded by the developers, Hollyburn Properties Limited.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As part of the Site Plan Control Application for the apartment site at 1286-1294 Islington Avenue, the developer is responsible to construct a raised centre median island on Islington Avenue from the north stop line of Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway to a point 45 metres north of the stop line.

This highway alteration is shown on the attached map and described in Appendix “A”.

COMMENTS

Islington Avenue, in the area of Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway is a major arterial road with a four lane cross-section. Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Islington Avenue and Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway. Northbound and southbound left turns are prohibited at this intersection.

The driveway in question is located approximately 35 metres north of Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway on the west side of Islington Avenue. This is one of three driveways to the apartments at 1286 – 1294 Islington Avenue, two of which access Islington Avenue and one which accesses Central Park Roadway.

The raised centre median island will physically prevent motorists from making left-turns into/out of the south driveway access to 1286-1294 Islington Avenue; however, the driveway to the north of this driveway will remain as full movement access/egress. In addition, the applicant has proposed vehicle access to the site via an internal connection to the west side of the existing Central Park Roadway access driveway.

Since this project is on a transit route operated by Toronto Transit Commission, TTC staff was consulted on these matters and are in agreement with the proposals. The authorization of the road alteration to the City of Toronto Act, 2006, will mitigate the City's legal liability as the road authority. Therefore, it is recommended the Council authorize this road alteration.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A"

Attachment 1 Map

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Location Requiring a Highway Alteration

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
5	Islington Avenue	Cordova Avenue/Central Park Roadway	A point 45 metres further north	Raised centre median installation	To physically prevent northbound and eastbound left-turns at the driveway access to 1286-1294 Islington Avenue