



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Through Restrictions (Bicycles Excepted): Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive**

<b>Date:</b>	February 26, 2014
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 15 – Eglinton-Lawrence</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>p:\2014\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny14023</i>

**SUMMARY**

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

To obtain approval to allow bicycles to proceed during the times that eastbound and westbound through restrictions are in place at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive.

The implementation of bicycles excepted at the existing eastbound and westbound through restrictions on Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive will permit through movements for bicycles.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing by-law to delete the prohibited eastbound and westbound through movements at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive; and

2. City Council amend the existing by-law to prohibit eastbound and westbound through movements at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive, bicycles excepted.

### **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the installation of bicycles excepted for the existing through restrictions are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget estimate.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by a resident to amend the existing eastbound and westbound through restrictions at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive in order to exempt bicycles from the restriction.

The implementation of Bicycles Excepted at the existing through restriction at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive will permit the eastbound and westbound through movement of bicycles.

### **COMMENTS**

The through restrictions were initially installed in order to address the potential impact that the traffic control signal installation would have on the residential communities on either side of Dufferin Street, specifically from traffic infiltration by motorists using the Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive route as a convenient alternative to Lawrence Avenue West.

Since bicycles by definition are classified as vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act, the restricted through movements also apply to the cyclists riding their bicycles through the intersection during the prohibited times.

As the installation of the through restrictions were intended to reduce the impact on the adjacent communities from traffic infiltration caused by vehicles, there would be no impact on the adjacent communities from bicycles conducting eastbound and westbound through movements.

In view of the above, staff supports the amendment of the by-law to exempt bicycles from the existing through restrictions.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Dufferin Street and Playfair Avenue/Wenderly Drive – Eastbound and westbound Through Restrictions (Bicycles Excepted)