INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS: THE DONWAY WEST AT OVERLAND DRIVE/DON MILLS CENTRE ACCESS

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To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards: Ward 25 – Don Valley West
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SUMMARY

To obtain approval for the replacement of the existing pedestrian crossover with traffic control signals at the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive/Don Mills Centre Access.

The installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive/Don Mills Centre Access is required as a condition of approval of Site Plan Application 07 115874 NN 25 SA for the development of the Don Mills Centre lands.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. the existing pedestrian crossover on The Donway West, immediately south of Overland Drive, be removed; and

2. traffic control signals be installed at the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive/Don Mills Centre Access.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the removal of the existing pedestrian crossover on The Donway West and the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive/Don Mills Centre Access, estimated at $147,000.00, will be borne by Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited, the developer of the Don Mills Centre lands.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The redevelopment of the Don Mills Shopping Centre, currently under construction, involves conversion of the existing Don Mills Shopping Centre into a “Lifestyle Shopping Centre”. The redevelopment includes the creation of a Town Square in the centre of the property, surrounded by retail and other commercial uses.

Pursuant to the First Amending Site Plan Agreement registered on December 15, 2007, the developer is required to provide funding for the installation of new traffic control signals at the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive/Don Mills Centre Access. The new signals are to include audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian countdown timers and transit priority.

COMMENTS

Currently, The Donway West and Overland Drive form a “T” type intersection controlled by stop controls on Overland Drive. A pedestrian crossover (PXO) operates on The Donway West immediately south of Overland Drive.

The Donway West forms part of a ring road that borders the site between Don Mills Road and Lawrence Avenue East. Overland Drive is a collector road through a residential area, connecting the The Donway West and Barber Greene Road.

Based on the results of a traffic impact study, the signalization of the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive//Don Mills Centre Access has been identified as beneficial to traffic operations by assisting with the traffic circulation to the subject lands and to provide protected pedestrian crossings at The Donway West. An existing driveway to the Don Mills Centre will be realigned to the intersection of The Donway West and Overland Drive in order to facilitate the east leg of the proposed signalized intersection.

North York Community Council does not have delegated authority to make a final decision on the recommendations contained within this report due to the presence of a Toronto Transit Commission bus route on The Donway West.
Councillor Cliff Jenkins is aware of the proposal to remove the existing PXO and to install traffic control signals at The Donway West and Overland Drive/Don Mills Centre Access.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – The Donway West at Overland Dr/Private Access; Traffic Control Signals (ny08063_map)