



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Old Dundas Street at Dundas Street West– Highway
Alteration By-law**

Date:	May 6, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to recommend the enactment of the highway alteration by-law related to the realigning of the south approach of the intersection of Old Dundas Street and Dundas Street West to normalize as a T-type intersection.

The proposed alteration will be undertaken as part of the existing Contract No. 08FS-23S, and will improve traffic operations and enhance the streetscape.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- (1) The alterations and modifications on the south approach of the intersection of Old Dundas Street and Dundas Street West, as indicated in Appendix “A”, and generally as shown on the attached sketch.

Financial Impact

All costs, estimated to be \$20,000, associated with the alterations and modifications at the south approach of the intersection of Old Dundas Street and Dundas Street West, as indicated in Appendix “A”, will be charged to City Planning Acct. CUR054-01.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, requires by-laws for the alteration of highways. This is not a new requirement under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, in that it was required under the previous Municipal Act. Notwithstanding that many pre-amalgamation municipalities had varied practices relating to highway alterations. City Legal staff has advised that any District in Transportation Services needing to make an alteration to a highway, would require the passage of a by-law by City Council. Alterations requiring approval typically include road narrowing and widening, the installation of a lay-by, the installation of sidewalks, the installation of medians and the realignment of intersections.

COMMENTS

As part of the Dundas Street West bridge rehabilitation over the Humber River, road improvements and streetscape enhancements have been included in the overall design. These street and landscape enhancements extend westward to the intersection of Old Dundas Street and Dundas Street West.

Currently, Old Dundas Street intersects Dundas Street West at a skewed angle. To normalize this intersection (i.e. create a 90-degree t-type intersection), staff recommends the realigning of the south approach of the intersection to Dundas Street West as shown in the attached sketch and described in Appendix A. These modifications will improve traffic operations and enhance the streetscape in this area by creating more boulevard space.

The proposed improvements will be constructed under existing contract #08FS-23S. The enactment of this highway alteration by-law is required prior to the construction of these proposed improvements.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A”
Attachment 1: Sketch

Appendix “A”

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Location Requiring a Highway Alteration By-Law

Intersection Improvement

Ward	Street	At	To	Description of Highway Alteration	Rationale
5	Old Dundas Street	Dundas Street West		Re-aligning the south approach of intersection to create a typical (90-degree) t-type intersection This re-alignment is achieved through curb extensions and tightening of curb radii.	Normalize the intersection to improve traffic operations and enhance the boulevard area.