



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Black Creek Drive – Pedestrian Prohibited On Certain Highways: Amendments

Date:	May 19, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 12 - York South-Weston
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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 obtain approval to modify the existing pedestrian prohibition for Black Creek Drive to allow pedestrian use of the recently constructed municipal sidewalk along the west side of the Black Creek Drive frontage of 2 Keele Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on Black Creek Drive between Jane Street and Weston Road.
2. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on Black Creek Drive from Jane Street to the northerly limit of Eglinton Avenue West.
3. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on the east side of Black Creek Drive from the southerly limit of Eglinton Avenue West to 175m to the south.
4. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on Black Creek Drive from 175m south of Eglinton Avenue West to Weston Road.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Black Creek Drive is a four lane major arterial road, extending northerly from Weston Road and feeding directly to the Highway 401/400 provincial highway system, just north of the Maple Leaf Drive overpass to the north (at Jane Street). The statutory speed limit is 70 km/h. The road was originally developed and constructed as a controlled access roadway. As such, pedestrians are prohibited from using the road allowance, principally because no sidewalks were constructed with the development of the road. As urban development occurs along this road frontage, and sidewalks are constructed, the bylaw that prohibits pedestrians from using this roadway will have to be amended as required.

COMMENTS

As part of the Site Plan Agreement with the City of Toronto for the recently constructed “No Frills” grocery store on the property municipally known as 2 Keele Road in the south-west quadrant of the Black Creek Drive/Eglinton Avenue West intersection, the applicant was required to construct a sidewalk (amongst other things) within the Black Creek Drive public road allowance on the west side of Black Creek Drive, extending from Eglinton Avenue West to Photography Drive. The sidewalk in conjunction with the No Frills store was constructed from Eglinton Avenue West to a point 175m to the south.

Currently, pedestrians are prohibited by bylaw from using Black Creek Drive from Weston Road to Jane Street (to the north-west), which includes the subject section from Eglinton Avenue West to Photography Drive, as discussed in the above. Since a sidewalk has now been constructed on the west side of Black Creek Drive in conjunction with the development of 2 Keele Road, a bylaw amendment is now required to make it technically legal for pedestrians to use this section of roadway.

As development progresses along this stretch of Black Creek Drive, and as sidewalks are constructed in conjunction with development both on the east and west side of the road, a comprehensive sidewalk network will develop over time. This segment of sidewalk is the first in a series of segments that will follow in the future. The bylaw will have to be amended as the corresponding segments of sidewalks are constructed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map