Eglinton Avenue West, east of Martin Grove Road - Highway Alteration By-law

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Wards 3 and 4 – Etobicoke Centre
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to recommend the enactment of a highway alteration by-law for road widening on Eglinton Avenue West, east of Martin Grove Road, in order to accommodate an extended curb lane on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West.

The proposed road alteration is development related and all costs will be funded by the developer as part of conditions of site plan approval. This highway alteration will improve traffic operations.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit services on these streets, City Council approval of the report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on these matters and concurs.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that:

(1) City Council approve the alterations and modifications on Eglinton Avenue West, east of Martin Grove Road as indicated in Appendix “A”, and generally as shown on the attached sketch.

Financial Impact
All costs associated with the highway alteration on Eglinton Avenue West, east of Martin Grove Road, as indicated in Appendix “A”, will be funded by the developer, Minto Richgrove Land Corp.
**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 conditions of site plan approval for 7-21 Richgrove Drive, a proposal to construct a new underground parking garage between two existing apartment buildings, and to construct two 22-storey residential condominium buildings along the south portion of the site, highway alterations are required. These include a road widening to accommodate an extension of the existing shared right/through lane at the east approach of the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Martin Grove Road.

This highway alteration is shown on the attached sketch and described in Appendix “A”. The enactment of the necessary highway alteration by-laws is required prior to the construction of the proposed projects.

Since these projects are on transit routes operated by the TTC, staff was consulted on these matters and is in agreement with the proposals.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix “A”
Attachment 1 Map
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Locations Requiring a Highway Alteration By-Law

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<td>Eglinton Avenue West</td>
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