



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Left Turn Prohibition – Windermere Avenue (103/105 The Queensway)

Date:	October 7, 2011
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park
Reference Number:	p:\2011\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc110148-to

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to recommend the introduction of a “No Left Turn” restriction for eastbound traffic exiting the first private driveway on the west side of Windermere Avenue, south of The Queensway. This development is known municipally as 103/105 The Queensway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- (1) Enacting a “No Left Turn, Anytime” restriction for eastbound traffic exiting the first driveway south of The Queensway, on the west side of Windermere Avenue, approximately 95 metres south of The Queensway.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a condition of site plan approval, eastbound left turns are to be prohibited from the private driveway located on Windermere Avenue south of The Queensway, due to reduced visibility of northbound traffic. Visibility for eastbound motorists of northbound traffic on Windermere Avenue is hampered by the Canadian National Railway bridge, located approximately 30 metres south of the subject driveway. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Windermere Avenue, in the area of the subject driveway, is classified in the City's road system as a "local" road. This section of road has a four lane cross section in which one lane is designated for northbound traffic, one lane for northbound left turning vehicles and two lanes are designated for southbound traffic.

The townhouse/high rise condominium development located on the southwest corner of The Queensway and Windermere Avenue (103/105 The Queensway) is serviced by two in-right/out-right driveways within The Queensway frontage and one driveway located within the Windermere Avenue frontage. Turns from the driveways on The Queensway are both physically restricted to right in/right-out by exclusive streetcar right-of-way.

As a condition of site plan approval, outbound left turns from the Windermere Avenue access were also to be prohibited due to visibility concerns created by the CNR rail bridge, located approximately 30 metres to the south of the subject driveway. Although the driveway has been designed to discourage left turns, observations indicate that motorists are turning left from this driveway.

Based on the conditions of site plan approval, staff recommends that eastbound left-turns be prohibited anytime from the driveway to 103/105 The Queensway to Windermere Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1

Map