

Removal of Taxi Stand: Wynford Drive

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
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SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Wynford Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval for the removal of the taxi stand on Wynford Drive.

The removal of the taxi stand on the south side of Wynford Drive east of Gervais Drive will address concerns that taxis obstruct eastbound traffic in the curb lane.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the removal of the existing taxi stand for a maximum of four taxis on the south side of Wynford Drive, from a point 96.686 metres east of Gervais Drive to a point 127.18 metres east of Gervais Drive, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the removal of the taxi stand are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2011 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by the former Ward Councillor on behalf of area residents to review the feasibility of removing the taxi stand on the south side of Wynford Drive east of Gervais Drive.

The residents are concerned that taxicabs parked on the south side of the Wynford Drive during the day obstruct the flow of traffic and create a dangerous situation when taxis are continuously conducting U-turns.

COMMENTS

Currently, there is a designated stand for taxi cabs on the south side of Wynford Drive east of Gervais Drive that permits taxi cabs to stand between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wynford Drive is as a four lane road classified as a minor arterial roadway.

Observations conducted by Staff have verified that eastbound traffic on Wynford Drive is forced to merge into one lane due to numerous taxis parked in the curb lane east of Gervais Drive. In addition, the frequency of U-turns by taxis results in unexpected traffic manoeuvres. The removal of the taxi stand on Wynford Drive will improve the flow of eastbound traffic by eliminating the need for vehicles, including buses, from changing lanes to avoid taxis parked in the curb lane.

In view of the above, this Division would support the removal of the taxi stand on the south side of Wynford Drive as per the residents' request. With respect to the increasing developments on Wynford Drive, Staff is unable to suggest a suitable location to relocate the designated stand for taxis in the area.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Wynford Drive, Removal of Taxi Stand