



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Stop Signs – Gertrude Place at Woodycrest Avenue

Date:	December 8, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to introduce stop controls at the intersection of Gertrude Place and Woodycrest Avenue. The installation of westbound and eastbound stop signs on Gertrude Place at the intersection will enhance pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of “Stop” signs for westbound and eastbound traffic on Gertrude Place at Woodycrest Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of “Stop” signs in the estimated amount of \$400.00 is available within Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A resident living in the vicinity of the intersection of Gertrude Place and Woodycrest Avenue expressed concern regarding the lack of posted traffic controls, pedestrian safety at this intersection, and a near collision that he observed at the intersection.

COMMENTS

Gertrude Place is a local roadway operating westbound and eastbound with a speed limit of 50 km/h. The west and east legs of Gertrude Place terminate at laneways that service the residences of Woodycrest Avenue. There are no sidewalks on the majority of Gertrude Place as it is primarily a flankage street. Woodycrest Avenue is a local street operating southbound only with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Both roadways are located in the residential community north of Danforth Avenue and east of Pape Avenue. There are no stop controls on either roadway. There is no transit service on either street.

A review of the collision history for a five year period ending December 31, 2009 revealed that no collisions have been reported at the intersection of Gertrude Place and Woodycrest Avenue.

Since there are no traffic control devices at the intersection, right-of-way in the intersection is established by the right-of-way rule. The rule, as stated in Section 135 (1) & (2) of the Highway Traffic Act, is “every driver approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection that has entered from an intersecting highway” and “when two vehicles enter the intersection from intersecting highways at approximately the same time, the driver on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right”.

To assess traffic conditions at this intersection, the following information was collected:

- (i) manual approach counts conducted during the morning and afternoon peak periods; and
- (ii) a review of the five year collision history.

The following table summarizes the approach volumes at the intersection:

Street	Direction	A.M. Volume (8:00 am–9:00 am)	P.M. Volume (4:00 pm–5:00 pm)
Gertrude Place	Westbound	10	8
Gertrude Place	Eastbound	9	7
Woodycrest Avenue	Southbound	53	58

Although the traffic volume at the intersection is low, the installation of stop signs on Gertrude Place at Woodycrest Avenue will more clearly define the right-of-way at this intersection and provide a safer crossing environment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

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