



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Right-Turn Prohibition – Vaughan Road and Arlington Avenue

Date:	August 9, 2011
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts2011173te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of area residents has requested Transportation Services to investigate rescinding the right-turn prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday by eastbound traffic on Vaughan Road onto southbound Arlington Avenue. This regulation is not required from an operational perspective. Therefore, Transportation Services has no objection to this proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescinds the "No Right Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation by eastbound traffic on Vaughan Road at Arlington Avenue.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost of removing the signs is approximately \$150.00. Funds are available within the Transportation Services Division 2011 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of area residents, Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of rescinding the eastbound right-turn prohibition between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on Vaughan Road at Arlington Avenue.

COMMENTS

The right-turn prohibition was originally adopted in 1990 by the former City of York (By-law No. 1893-90) to reduce traffic infiltration in the residential neighbourhood between Vaughan Road and St. Clair Avenue West. In adopting this by-law the City of York prohibited the right-turn movement during both the morning and afternoon rush periods by eastbound traffic on Vaughan Road onto southbound Arlington Avenue.

In late 2010, Transportation Services received a phone call from an area resident advising that the signs giving effect to the turn prohibition were missing. In response to this phone call, staff replaced the missing signs. Shortly after installation of the signs, residents complained to Councillor Joe Mihevc that the "No Right-turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" signs were incorrect and that the signs should only indicate the turn prohibition during the morning rush hour period.

In reviewing this matter further, staff determined that Schedule XV – Prohibited Turns of the former City of York Traffic by-law only indicates that right-turns were prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, despite the stipulation that the amending By-law No. 1893-90 indicates that the regulation also applies from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Since this typographical error in the Schedule XV could be problematic if motorists were charged with making an illegal turn during the afternoon rush hour period, staff again removed the signs until the by-law conflict was resolved and the concerns of the residents/ local business proprietors could be addressed.

There is no operational or safety requirement to prohibit right-turns from eastbound Vaughan Road onto Arlington Avenue during either the morning or afternoon rush periods. Therefore, based on our discussions with Councillor Mihevc and the fact that there are adjacent streets without turn prohibitions that enable motorists enter and filter through the residential neighbourhood south of Vaughan Road, we have no objection to rescinding the right-turn prohibition at the Vaughan/Arlington intersection.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-0418, dated August 2011