

## De Boers Drive: Stopping Prohibitions

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<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 8 – York West</b>
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### SUMMARY

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

To obtain approval to prohibit stopping on both sides of De Boers Drive at anytime and restrict southbound left turns at Sheppard Avenue West at De Boers Drive. Approval is also required for designation of the westbound right turn lane as an exclusive right turn lane, buses excepted along Sheppard Avenue West from the intersection of Sheppard Avenue West and Kodiak Crescent to east of De Boers Drive.

The implementation of the stopping prohibition and the southbound left turn restriction will address the concerns of area businesses and residents in regards to the daily on street parking activity. Additionally the implementation of the right turn lane designations will provide westbound motorists on Sheppard Avenue West, with improved guidance at the intersections of Sheppard Avenue West and Kodiak Crescent and Sheppard Avenue West and De Boers Drive.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the designation of the northerly westbound lane on Sheppard Avenue West, east of Kodiak Crescent for right turning vehicles only, buses excepted, from Kodiak Crescent to a point 35 metres east;

2. Approve the designation of the northerly westbound lane on Sheppard Avenue West, east of De Boers Drive for right turning vehicles only, buses excepted, from De Boers Drive to a point 35 metres east;
3. Approve the installation of a southbound left turn prohibition at any time at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue West and De Boers Drive; and
4. Approve the installation of no stopping at anytime on both sides of De Boers Drive from Sheppard Avenue West to William R. Allen Road.

### **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the amendments to the lane designation, left turn and stopping prohibitions are included in the Transportation Services, 2013 Operating Budget estimates.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the area businesses and residents to review the feasibility of restricting parking on De Boers Drive.

The local business operators and residents have raised concerns of vehicles parking on both sides of De Boers Drive causing difficulty in maintaining two-way traffic flow along De Boers Drive and restricting access and egress to the driveways along this roadway.

In addition to their request, Staff has also noted that the southbound left turn on to Sheppard Avenue West from De Boers Drive should be prohibited and that the existing westbound right turn lanes on Sheppard Avenue West need to be appropriately designated between Kodiak Crescent and De Boers Drive.

It should be noted that the condominium development on De Boers Drive is essentially complete and residents have already moved in to the area. As such, the newly constructed De Boers Drive, which connects between Sheppard Avenue West and William R. Allen Road has been dedicated and is open to general purpose traffic. As part of the De Boers Drive extension, westbound exclusive right turn lanes were constructed at Sheppard Avenue West at Kodiak Crescent and Sheppard Avenue West at De Boers Drive to address the westbound right turn traffic volumes at these intersections.

### **COMMENTS**

De Boers Drive is an 11 metre wide roadway and consists of a westbound and eastbound lanes and a centre turn lane. This roadway provides vehicular access to the condominiums and also connects to William R. Allen Road on the north and Sheppard Avenue West on the south.

Currently parking is permitted on both sides of De Boers Drive up to a maximum period of three hours from Sheppard Avenue West to William R. Allen Road.

Staff observations have concluded that long term parking is occurring on both sides of the roadway. The parked vehicles limit two-way traffic flow on De Boers Drive and also obstruct motorist's sight lines when exiting the driveways located on either side of De Boers Drive.

Therefore, in order to address the residents' concerns, this Division recommends implementing no stopping anytime prohibition on both sides of the roadway. The implementation of the stopping regulation will promote safe two-way traffic operations on De Boers Drive.

The southbound left turn restriction from De Boers Drive on to Sheppard Avenue West is required as there is a raised centre median on Sheppard Avenue West that physically restricts this movement. The westbound right turn lane designations are required to ensure that general purpose traffic does not use the right turn lane as a queue jump lane, and result in a potential conflict with southbound right turning traffic from De Boers Drive. Also, the right turn lane terminates at Kodiak Crescent.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1: Map – De Boers Drive: Lane Designation, Stopping & Left Turn Prohibition
- Attachment 2: Site Map – De Boers Drive: Detail Map of De Boers Drive