



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Through Prohibition Review – Scunthorpe Road at Sheppard Avenue East

Date:	December 14, 2011
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 41 – Scarborough Rouge River Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1209 D11-4252736 Scunthorpe Sheppard through traffic

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise on the removal costs of the driveway traffic island on the north side of Scunthorpe Road at Sheppard Avenue East as well as the associated southbound through prohibition from the abutting property served by the driveway.

The traffic island separates the left and right turning vehicles from a car dealership and was installed at the time of the through prohibition. The owners of the abutting vehicle dealership have requested the removal of the island and associated bylaw and should bear the associated removal costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the prohibited turn regulation, as identified in the Appendix 1 of this report.
2. City Council adopt recommendation #1 conditional on the traffic island within the north side access being removed by the abutting property owner(s) to the satisfaction of the City of Toronto.

3. City Council adopt recommendations #1 and #2 conditional on all costs being borne by the abutting owner(s) on the north side.
4. City Council pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the City since the cost of removing the island and related prohibition signage is to be borne by the proponent, the abutting property owner(s).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation staff have reviewed a request from Councillor Chin Lee on behalf of an abutting auto dealership, in cooperation with Councillor Raymond Cho in this traffic operations matter that involves a Ward 41 and Ward 42 border issue. To provide better egress from an auto dealership on the north side of Scunthorpe Road at Sheppard Avenue East, Transportation Services staff reviewed the impacts of removing both the traffic island in the north side access at Scunthorpe Road and Sheppard Avenue East, as well as the associated southbound through prohibition.

The through prohibition was initially installed in 2002 in order to mitigate cut-through traffic from a coffee shop and the dealership. Since the installation of the prohibitions, a second auto dealership has now replaced the coffee shop.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the subject intersection:

- The land uses at this intersection are primarily commercial along the north and south-east and townhouse residential along the south-west side of the abutting streets.
- Sheppard Avenue East is a major arterial road and Scunthorpe Road is a collector road.
- The potential for an increase in transient traffic from the dealership along Scunthorpe Road should the southbound "through" prohibition be removed would likely be negligible.
- A five-year review of Toronto Police Services collision records (January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2010) along Scunthorpe Road do not show a safety problem at this time.

Based on our review, staff have concluded that removal of the through prohibition would have a minimal impact on the residents of Agincourt South-Malvern West Community along Scunthorpe Road.

Transportation Services staff support the removal of the traffic island and associated signage at the auto dealership's expense.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-Law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – Location Plan (Through Prohibition Review – Sheppard Avenue East and Scunthorpe Road)

Appendix 1

"Compulsory Turns"
Regulations to be Rescinded

(In
Column 1)
Highway
Being Entered

(In
Column 2)
Highway from which
Vehicle Enters

(In
Column 3)
Highway Not
To Be Entered

Sheppard Avenue
East

Exit/Driveway from No. 5060
Sheppard Avenue East, located on
the north side of Sheppard Avenue East,
opposite Scunthorpe Road

Scunthorpe Road