STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

All Way Stop Control: Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to install All Way Stop Control at the intersection of Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive.

The installation of an All Way Stop Control at the intersection of Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive will address the existing right-of-way conflict for motorists and pedestrians, specifically the visitors of Avondale Park which is located one block north of the intersection.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of an All Way Stop Control at the intersection of Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive.
Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of an All Way Stop Control are included within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor to review the feasibility of installing an All Way Stop Control at the intersection of Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive. Control of the right-of-way within the intersection will provide pedestrian, specifically patrons of Avondale Park which is located further northwest of the intersection with a protected crossing.

COMMENTS

Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive are classified as local roadways with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and municipal sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Currently, southbound traffic on Everson Drive is required to stop, and eastbound and westbound traffic on Harrison Garden Boulevard is free flow. There are numerous residential apartment buildings and townhouses that generate a high volume of pedestrian activity.

Staff observations have verified concerns that there is a heavy volume of pedestrian traffic crossing unprotected from the south side of Harrison Garden Boulevard to the north side of the road. The installation of All Way Stop Control would not negatively impact the pattern of traffic in the areas and would facilitate protected crossing for pedestrians walking to the Avondale Park which is located one block north of the intersection.

In view of the above, Transportation Services recommends the installation of an All Way Stop Control at the intersection of Harrison Garden Boulevard and Everson Drive in order to improve the level of safety for pedestrians and address the right-of-way concerns at this location.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendation of this staff report.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Harrison Garden Blvd & Everson Dr: AWSC