



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Eglinton Avenue West at Marlee Avenue: Pedestrian Crossing Prohibition

Date:	May 14, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 - Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	<i>P:\2013\Cluster B\TRA\NorthYorkDistrict\ny13077</i>

SUMMARY

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

To obtain approval for the installation of a pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east leg of the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Marlee Avenue.

The installation of the pedestrian crossing prohibition on the east leg of the intersection will address the residents' concern regarding pedestrian disobedience with the existing signage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the installation of a pedestrian crossing prohibition on Eglinton Avenue West between the west curb line of Marlee Avenue and a point 30.5 metres east of the east curb line of Marlee Avenue.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with implementing the pedestrian crossing prohibition and associated signages are included within the Transportation Services' 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District has reviewed a request from a resident concerning pedestrians crossing the east leg of Eglinton Avenue West at Marlee Avenue, in spite of the existing text signage and no pedestrian crossing lines. This practice interferes with the southbound left turns and also creates an un-safe situation for pedestrians.

COMMENTS

Marlee Avenue is classified a minor arterial roadway with a pavement width of approximately 14.0 metres with a four lane cross section and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Eglinton Avenue West is designated as a major arterial roadway with a pavement width of approximately 16.2 metres with a five lane cross section and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of Eglinton Avenue West and Marlee Avenue.

The intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Marlee Avenue forms a "T" type intersection and is controlled by a traffic control signal. Currently, pedestrians are only permitted to cross Eglinton Avenue West on the west side of the intersection. This restriction is currently identified with the installation of the text signage located on the south side of the roadway and stating "Pedestrian Cross at West Side". Additionally there are no pavement markings on the east leg to support pedestrian crossings.

Given the existing pavement width of Eglinton Avenue West and the heavy southbound left turning movements at this intersection, pedestrian crossings on the east leg of the intersection are problematic. As such, this Division recommends that the existing prohibited pedestrian crossings on the east leg of the intersection be maintained. However, in order to support the implementation of the appropriate pedestrian crossing prohibition signage, the appropriate by-law needs to be enacted.

It should be noted that pedestrians wishing to cross Eglinton Avenue West will continue to be permitted to cross the roadway on the west leg of the intersection.

As such, the installation of the above noted pedestrian prohibition on the east leg of the intersection of Eglinton Avenue West and Marlee Avenue will manage both the vehicular and pedestrian traffic while minimizing potential conflicts between southbound left turns and north/south pedestrians.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Eglinton Avenue West at Marlee Avenue – Pedestrian Prohibition