



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Repealing of Fire Route Designation and amendment to  
Chapter 880 – Fire Routes – 4711 Yonge Street**

<b>Date:</b>	August 22, 2013
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Toronto Fire Services
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 23
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2013\ClusterB\FIR\ny130028.doc

**SUMMARY**

---

To obtain Council approval for the amendment of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, to repeal the designation of a certain portion of the property municipally known as 4711 Yonge Street as a fire route within the meaning of Chapter 880, Fire Routes. The fire route in question was applied for voluntarily, and is not required for access for firefighting by the Ontario Building Code.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

---

**Toronto Fire Services recommends that:**

1. City Council amend Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, to repeal the designation of the private road, as shown in Appendix A, located at the property municipally known as 4711 Yonge Street, and delete 4711 Yonge Street from Schedule A, Fire Route Designations to Chapter 880, Fire Routes; and
2. City Council authorize the Fire Chief and City Solicitor to take the appropriate action to repeal a designated Fire Route.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

---

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## DECISION HISTORY

The fire route at 4711 Yonge Street was originally established by By-law No. 29704 enacted on September 23, 1985 by the Council of the Corporation of the former City of North York. This by-law was amended by the former North York Council on September 6, 1988 by By-law 30644, to include the fire route applied for through North York Fire Department Application 87-13.

At its October 26, 27 and 28, 2004 meeting, Toronto City Council enacted By-law No. 987-2004 which harmonized the fire route by-laws of the former six area municipalities of the former Metropolitan Toronto into Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, for the City of Toronto.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2004/agendas/council/cc041026/cms7rpt/cl002.pdf>

The fire route at 4711 Yonge Street was carried forward into this new chapter.

## COMMENTS

Fire Services receives applications from property owners to designate locations on their properties as fire routes under City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880. The fire route prohibits the parking of vehicles at the designated location and provides for the removal of such vehicles, to allow continuous access to Fire Services vehicles, equipment and apparatus for the prevention and protection against fires. Designation of fire routes ensure appropriate access for fire vehicles across the City and assist with regulating fire prevention and reduce the negative impact of fire on human lives, property and the environment.

Prior to amalgamation in 1998, each of the former area municipalities had its own fire route by-law, which by virtue of subsection 2(7) of the *City of Toronto Act, 1997*, these by-laws remained in force until the Council of the City of Toronto repealed or amended the pre-amalgamation by-laws. At its October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, meeting, City Council, repealed the former municipalities' by-laws, and adopted a harmonized fire route by-law, Chapter 880, under the authority provided by Subsection 7.1(1)(c) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.

The purposes of the harmonized fire routes by-law, Chapter 880, included providing a single fire routes by-law for the City of Toronto to assist in the regulating fire prevention, including the prevention of the spreading of fires and the delivery of fire protection services. Chapter 880, provides for the continuance of fire-routes previously designated under the fire route by-laws of the former municipalities.

The fire route located at 4711 Yonge Street, was the subject of North York Fire Department Application No. 87-13, and is one of the pre-harmonization fire routes which were expressly continued as a fire route by Chapter 880. The fire route located at 4711 Yonge Street was voluntarily applied for by the building owner at the time of its construction in 1987, and Council of the former City of North York approved an

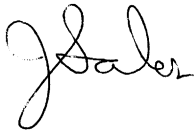
amendment to add the route as a designated fire route to the Former City of North York Fire Route By-law at its September 6, 1988 meeting. A request has been received from Menkes, the building owner, to repeal the designation for fire route for the following location municipally known as 4711 Yonge Street.

The fire route at this location was applied for voluntarily by Menkes when it was under construction in 1987. Site plans for this location have been examined by Fire Services, and it has been confirmed that the fire route is not required by the Ontario Building Code to provide access for firefighting. As the fire route is surplus to the requirements for firefighting purposes, the Fire Chief recommends that the fire route be repealed for the location noted on Appendix A concerning 4711 Yonge Street.

## **CONTACT**

Ken MacMillan, District Chief, North Command  
(416) 338-9153, (416) 338-3755 (fax)  
E-Mail: [kmacmil@toronto.ca](mailto:kmacmil@toronto.ca)

## **SIGNATURE**



---

J.W. (Jim) Sales  
Fire Chief

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A – Diagram of 4711 Yonge Street indicating Previously Approved Fire Route