One-Way Traffic – Sussex Mews

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting authority to convert a section of Sussex Mews, from Bloor Street West to a point 70.5 metres south, to one-way southbound operation. This proposal will enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Bloor Street West and Sussex Mews.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Enact a one-way southbound regulation on Sussex Mews, from Bloor Street West to a point 70.5 metres south.

**Financial Impact**

Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of $500.00 is contained in the Transportation Services 2013 Interim Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At its November 6, 2012 meeting Toronto and East York Community Council requested Transportation Services to report on converting Sussex Mews, from Bloor Street West to a point 70.5 metres south, to one-way southbound operation (TE20.91 – Change of Traffic Direction to Southbound on Sussex Mews, south of Bloor Street West).
COMMENTS
Sussex Mews is a public laneway that operates two-way from Bloor Street West to Sussex Avenue. There is no TTC service on Sussex Mews.

Based on our review and in order to enhance pedestrian safety at the intersection of Sussex Mews and Bloor Street West, a one-way southbound regulation on Sussex Mews, from Bloor Street West to a point 70.5 metres south, is feasible. Even though a five-year review of Toronto Police Service collision records ending October 31, 2012 did not reveal any pedestrian collisions there are buildings on either side of Sussex Mews at Bloor Street West, which restrict sightlines between pedestrians on Bloor Street West and motorists on Sussex Mews.

The proposal to convert Sussex Mews to one-way southbound operation from Bloor Street West to the east-west private lane, approximately 70.5 metres to the south, would compel motorists exiting the adjacent parking lot, which primarily services a "Metro" supermarket on Bloor Street West, to either continue southbound on Sussex Mews to Sussex Avenue or proceed westbound in the east/west private lane and then northbound on Robert Street to the traffic control signals at Bloor Street West. This parking lot has about 50 parking spaces. During an average hour approximately 30 vehicles travel northbound on Sussex Mews to access Bloor Street West. Ten of these vehicles come from the parking lot and 20 vehicles come through from south of the parking lot. Of the 30 vehicles one or two are trucks.

Councillor Vaughan has consulted with all the affected parties in this area and all parties support the proposal.

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(1) Drawing No 421G-0876, dated November 2012