Stop Control – Public Lane, between Heintzman Street and Indian Grove

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
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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 approval to introduce stop controls in the second public lane north of Dundas Street West at its intersections with Heintzman Street and Indian Grove to clearly establish right-of-way and enhance pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of a "Stop" control for westbound traffic in the public lane, second north of Dundas Street West at Heintzman Street.

2. Approve the installation of a "Stop" control for eastbound traffic in the public lane, second north of Dundas Street West at Indian Grove.

Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $400.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
At the request of Councillor Gord Perks, on behalf of residents at Nos. 60-61 Heintzman Street (new condo development), Transportation Services has investigated the feasibility
of installing "Stop" controls for westbound and eastbound motorists exiting the public lane onto Heintzman Street and onto Indian Grove.

COMMENTS
The second public lane north of Dundas Street West operates two-way, east-west, between Heintzman Street and Indian Grove. A new condo development at Nos. 60-61 Heintzman Street has an access driveway in the public lane and that has resulted in an increase of vehicular traffic using this public lane between Heintzman Street and Indian Grove. There is no TTC transit service on either of these streets or the public lane.

As there are no “Stop” signs posted at these intersections, the right-of-way is determined under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, stipulating that the “vehicle on the right” has the right-of-way when two vehicles arrive at the intersection at approximately the same time.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision data for a three-year period ending December 31, 2012 revealed that no collisions have been reported at the intersection of the public lane with Heintzman Street or with Indian Grove.

Although our assessment of traffic operations at these intersections indicate that they are operating under satisfactory conditions, the default right-of-way rule is potentially inadequate with the new condo development access in the public lane. "Stop" controls should be installed for westbound and eastbound motorists in the public lane at its intersections with Heintzman Street and with Indian Grove. This will clearly establish the right-of-way, providing a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. We have consulted with Councillor Perks and he supports this proposal.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-1006, dated February 2013