Stop Control – Slade Avenue at Tyrrel Avenue

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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 a "Stop" control for southbound Slade Avenue at its intersection with Tyrrel Avenue 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 southbound traffic on Slade Avenue at its intersection with Tyrrel Avenue.

**Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $200.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In consultation with Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services has investigated the feasibility of installing a "Stop" control for southbound Slade Avenue at its intersection with Tyrrel Avenue.

**COMMENTS**

Slade Avenue is a local north-south roadway operating with two-way traffic, a maximum speed limit of 50 km/h and a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. Slade Avenue
intersects the north side of Tyrrel Avenue in a "T"-type intersection and ends in a dead-end about 100 metres to the north. There are approximately 20 residential properties fronting Slade Avenue.

Tyrrel Avenue, between Wychwood Avenue and Christie Street, is also a local roadway, operating with two-way traffic and a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. Traffic calming in the form of speed humps is in effect on the subject section of Tyrrel Avenue, with a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h.

There is no TTC service provided on either Slade Avenue or Tyrrel Avenue.

A review of the intersection has revealed that there is no “Stop” control at the subject intersection. Accordingly, right-of-way is determined as defined in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, which stipulates 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 May 31, 2013 revealed that no collisions have been reported at this intersection.

Although our review of the traffic operations at this intersection revealed that it is operating under satisfactory conditions, the default right-of-way rule is potentially inadequate. Accordingly, in order to improve traffic operations, a "Stop" control should be installed for southbound Slade Avenue motorists at the intersection with Tyrrel Avenue. This will clearly establish vehicular right-of-way, providing a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Councillor Mihevc supports this proposal.

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