Rescindment of Turn Prohibitions – St. Clair Avenue West at Northcliffe Boulevard

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From: Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 17 – Davenport
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to rescind the existing turn prohibitions in effect at all times at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard to accommodate a change from one-way to two-way operation on Northcliffe Boulevard south of St. Clair Avenue West.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) provides service on St. Clair Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing eastbound and westbound left turn prohibitions in effect at all times at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard.

2. Prohibiting westbound right turns at all times at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard.

3. Prohibiting eastbound left turns at all times at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard.

Financial Impact
The recommendations in this report have no financial impact. All costs associated with the rescindment of the existing eastbound right and westbound left turn prohibitions at all times at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard will be assumed by the Toronto Parking Authority.

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ISSUE BACKGROUND
The Toronto Parking Authority purchased 94 Northcliffe Boulevard (a residential home) in 2012 for the purposes of constructing a surface parking lot. It was identified prior to purchasing the property that in order to make the site functional that the traffic direction along a portion of Northcliffe Boulevard would need to be changed from a one-way northbound to a two-way operation. Maps of the area are Attachments 1 and 2.

COMMENTS
St. Clair Avenue West, at Northcliffe Boulevard, is a major arterial road. The legal speed limit on this road is 50 km/h. Currently, at this intersection, there are existing eastbound right and westbound left turn prohibitions, along with permissible eastbound and westbound u-turns. The TTC operates street car service on St. Clair Avenue West. Northcliffe Boulevard, south of St. Clair Avenue West operates one-way northbound with a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour (speed humps).

In order to provide improved access to the new Toronto Parking Authority lot, removal of the eastbound right and westbound left turn prohibitions at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard is required to facilitate the conversion of Northcliffe Boulevard from one-way to two-way operation. As such, Transportation Services staff recommends that the "Eastbound Right and Westbound Left Turn Prohibitions at All Times" be rescinded at St. Clair Avenue West and Northcliffe Boulevard to allow turning movements from St. Clair Avenue West to Northcliffe Boulevard.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map
Attachment 2: Map

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