



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Left Turn Prohibition Amendment – Park Lawn Road, at Driveway Access to 515 The Queensway

Date:	April 14, 2014
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	p:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc140062-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend changing the existing "No Left Turn Anytime" restriction to a "No Left Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" restriction for northbound traffic on Park Lawn Road at the driveway access to 515 The Queensway.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Park Lawn Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

- (1) City Council rescind the existing "No Left Turn, Anytime" restriction for northbound traffic on Park Lawn Road, approximately 41 metres south of The Queensway, at the driveway access to 515 The Queensway.
- (2) City Council approve enacting a "No Left Turn, Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m." restriction for northbound traffic on Park Lawn Road, approximately 41 metres south of The Queensway, at the driveway access to 515 The Queensway.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of March 8 and 9, 2011, adopted item EY4.27, without amendments and without debate, the staff report titled "Park Lawn Road at 152/154/156 Park Lawn Road, and 515 The Queensway – Left-Turn Prohibitions". Council, in part, approved enacting a "No Left Turn, Anytime" restriction for northbound traffic on Park Lawn Road, approximately 41 metres south of The Queensway, at the driveway access to 515 The Queensway (Royal Bank).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As part of conditions of site plan approval for 515 The Queensway, a 523 square metre bank building, left-turn prohibitions were required on Park Lawn Road at the driveway accesses to this property. Within the last 12 months, Transportation Services staff have received complaints from staff and customers of the bank indicating that the existing northbound left-turn prohibition is too restrictive and have requested that the prohibition be amended. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Park Lawn Road, south of The Queensway is classified in the City's road system as a "major arterial". This section of road has two lanes in each direction. The legal speed limit on Park Lawn Road, south of The Queensway is 50 km/h. Traffic control signals are located at the intersections of Park Lawn Road and The Queensway, and Park Lawn Road and the on-ramp to westbound F.G. Gardiner Expressway.

In 2010, a driveway access was constructed on the west side of Park Lawn Road approximately 41 metres south of The Queensway, at the new bank building (Royal Bank) located at 515 The Queensway.

Staff's observations made recently during the morning peak, afternoon peak and off-peak traffic periods revealed several instances of non-compliance of the existing left turn prohibition at the Royal Bank driveway. Despite the non-compliance, there is no adverse affects to existing traffic operations on Park Lawn Road or traffic exiting this driveway during our off-peak period observations. However, we did observe significant northbound queue lengths during the morning and afternoon peak traffic periods on Park Lawn Road from The Queensway to south of the driveway access to 515 The Queensway.

Given our observations, if northbound left turn movements were allowed at the driveway access to Royal Bank in the morning and afternoon peak traffic periods, we foresee negative effects to traffic operations in the northbound direction on Park Lawn Road due to the driveway's proximity to the intersection of The Queensway and Park Lawn Road, and the existing queue lengths.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends changing the existing "No Left Turn, Anytime" restriction to a "No Left Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" restriction for northbound traffic on Park Lawn Road at the driveway access to 515 The Queensway (Royal Bank).

However, Transportation Services will continue to monitor the proposed turn prohibition as residential (condominium) development in the area reaches full build-out and will report back to Etobicoke York Community Council if traffic conditions on this section of Park Lawn Road justify the reinstatement of the "No Left Turn, Anytime" restriction at the driveway access to 515 The Queensway.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Map