STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Turn Prohibitions – Grovedale Avenue at Bannerman Street

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SUMMARY
This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to introduce a "No Eastbound Right Turn" and "No Westbound Left Turn" from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday for eastbound and westbound traffic on Grovedale Avenue at Bannerman Street.

Bannerman Street connects Grovedale Avenue and Rustic Road and also serves as an access to St. Fidelis Elementary Catholic School. As such, these turn prohibitions will provide for more orderly traffic flow to St. Fidelis Elementary Catholic School.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The implementation of "No Eastbound Right Turn from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" restriction for eastbound traffic on Grovedale Avenue at Bannerman Street.

2. The implementation of "No Westbound Left Turn from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" restriction for westbound traffic on Grovedale Avenue at Bannerman Street.
**Financial Impact**

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**ISSUE BACKGROUND**
Transportation Services staff received a request from the office of the area Councillor, on behalf of St. Fidelis Elementary School, to review the feasibility of making Bannerman Street one-way north to improve the operational safety during morning and afternoon school rush hours. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

**COMMENTS**
Bannerman Street is a local street and operates two-way north-south from Rustic Road to Grovedale Avenue. It has a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on both sides of the street. A School Bus Loading Zone exits at a point 37 metres north of Rustic Road on the east side of Bannerman Street.

The intersection of Bannerman Street and Grovedale Road has three approaches with an "All Way Stop" sign control for motorists. St. Fidelis Elementary Catholic School exists on the east side of Bannerman Street, north of Rustic Road. An off-street turning loop exists at this school. Bannerman Street has a length of 175 metres and very few residential properties have their driveway access on this street.

To assess southbound entry at the intersection of Bannerman Street at Grovedale Avenue, a two-hour (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) traffic study was conducted during morning and afternoon school rush hours. Our analysis of study data indicated that 20 motorists during morning and 15 motorists during afternoon school hours entered southbound from Grovedale Avenue to Bannerman Street to pick up/drop off children.

As traffic counts entering southbound from Grovedale Avenue to Bannerman Street are very low, we recommend introducing turn prohibitions during school rush hours, instead of making one-way northbound all the times. This proposal will distribute traffic patterns more evenly during the pick up/drop off portions of the day and will reduce congestion on Bannerman Street in the vicinity of St. Fidelis Elementary Catholic School.

This prohibition will results in motorists destined to the school travelling northbound only during these time periods. In this regard, parents must pick up and drop off their children on the east side of the street only. The proposed turn prohibitions will have minimum inconvenience for street residents.
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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1 Map