STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Left Turn Restriction: Poyntz Avenue at Botham Road

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to exempt school buses from the prohibited westbound left movement at the intersection of Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road.

The exemption of school buses from the existing prohibited left turn will facilitate the movement of school bus operations at the new school located on Botham Road south of Franklin Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the deletion of the westbound 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, left turning restriction at Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road; and

2. Approve the installation of westbound left turn prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, school buses excepted, at Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the amendments to the through traffic prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget estimate.
ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportations Services, North York District was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the new St. Edward's elementary school to review the feasibility of modifying the prohibited left turning movement from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to exempt school buses.

COMMENTS

Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road are both classified as local roads. The posted speed limit on Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road is 40 km/h. There are municipal sidewalks on the south side of Poyntz Avenue and on the east side of Botham Road. The T-intersection of Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road is controlled by an all way stop.

Currently, the westbound left turn movement is prohibited at this intersection during the peak periods to discourage traffic infiltration into the community. With the construction of the new school at 1 Botham Road, concerns have been expressed by school representatives that the existing restriction will interfere with planned school bus routes. The most direct bus routes to the new school would include being able to access Botham Road from Poyntz Avenue.

In view of the above, staff recommends the implementation of a westbound left turn prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, school buses excepted.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:  Map – Poyntz Avenue and Botham Road; Development Site Plan