

Turn Restrictions (Bicycles Excepted): Oakwood Avenue at Gloucester Grove, Clovelly Avenue, Bude Street and Hanson Road

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton-Lawrence
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SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Oakwood Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval allowing bicycles to proceed during restricted times when northbound right turn restrictions are in place at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue at Gloucester Grove, Clovelly Avenue, Bude Street and also for the southbound right turn restrictions at Oakwood Avenue and Hanson Road.

The implementation of Bicycles Excepted at the existing northbound and southbound right turn restrictions at the above noted intersections will permit right turn movements for bicycles, as requested, without unduly impacting the operation of the intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing by-law deleting the prohibited northbound right turn restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Bude Street;

2. City Council amend the existing by-law by deleting the prohibited northbound right turn restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Clovelly Avenue;
3. City Council amend the existing by-law by deleting the prohibited northbound right turn restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Gloucester Grove;
4. City Council amend the existing by-law by deleting the prohibited southbound right turn restriction from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Hanson Road;
5. City Council amend the existing by-law to prohibit northbound right turn restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Bude Street, bicycles excepted;
6. City Council amend the existing by-law to prohibit northbound right turn restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Clovelly Avenue, bicycles excepted;
7. City Council amend the existing by-law to prohibit northbound right turn restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Gloucester Grove, bicycles excepted; and
8. City Council amend the existing by-law to prohibit southbound right turn restriction from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue and Hanson Road, bicycles excepted.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of Bicycles Excepted for the existing right turn restrictions are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of Cycle Toronto Advocacy Group, to amend the existing northbound right turn restrictions at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue at Gloucester Grove, Clovelly Avenue, Bude Street and southbound right turn restriction at Oakwood Avenue and Hanson Road in order to exempt bicycles from the restriction.

The implementation of Bicycles Excepted at the existing right turn restrictions at the intersection of Oakwood Avenue at Gloucester Grove, Clovelly Avenue, Bude Street and Hanson Road will permit right turn movements of bicycles.

COMMENTS

The right turn restrictions were initially installed to address resident's concerns regarding the impact of the transient traffic that was infiltrating the residential communities on either side of Oakwood Avenue, as a convenient alternative to Eglinton Avenue West and Rogers Road.

Since bicycles by definition are classified as vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act, the restricted right turn movements also apply to the cyclists riding their bicycles through the intersection during the prohibited times.

As the installation of the right turn restrictions were intended to reduce the impact on the adjacent communities from traffic infiltration caused by vehicles, there would be no impact on the adjacent communities from bicycles conducting northbound and southbound right turn movements.

In view of the above, staff support the amendments to the by-law exempting bicycles from the existing right turn restrictions.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendation contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Oakwood Avenue at Gloucester Grove, Clovelly Avenue, Bude Street and Hanson Road – Northbound and Southbound Right Turn Restrictions (Bicycles Excepted)