Turn Restrictions: Cedar Springs Grove (Charles H. Best Middle School)

**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 install turn restrictions at the two access and egress driveways to Charles H. Best Middle School.

The installation of turn restrictions will reduce delays for parents and administrative staff attempting to enter and exit Charles H. Best Middle School.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Approve the installation of a westbound left turn anytime prohibition on Cedar Springs Grove to 285 Wilmington Avenue (Charles H. Best Middle School) from a point 70 metres east of Wilmington Avenue;

2. Approve the installation of an eastbound right turn anytime prohibition on Cedar Springs Grove to 285 Wilmington Avenue (Charles H. Best Middle School) from a point 70 metres east of Wilmington Avenue;
3. Approve the installation of a westbound right turn anytime prohibition from 285 Wilmington Avenue (Charles H. Best Middle School), to Wilmington Avenue from a point 26 metres south of Cedar Springs Grove; and

4. Approve the installation of a westbound left turn anytime prohibition from 285 Wilmington Avenue (Charles H. Best Middle School), to Wilmington Avenue from a point 26 metres south of Cedar Springs Grove.

**Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the Turn Restrictions are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the area residents and school administration to investigate the feasibility of reviewing the existing vehicular access and egress from Charles H. Best Middle School.

Residents have indicated that vehicles are speeding and using Cedar Springs Grove to by-pass traffic on Wilmington Avenue and to access Charles H. Best Middle School from the exit only driveway.

**COMMENTS**

Cedar Springs Grove is classified as a local roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There are no sidewalks on either side of Cedar Springs Grove along the studied section of roadway and the pavement width is approximately 8.5 metres. Located on the southwest corner of Cedar Springs Grove and Wilmington Avenue is Charles H. Best Middle School. The driveway access to the parking lot is from Wilmington Avenue and the egress from the parking lot is Cedar Springs Grove.

A review of the existing signage for both driveways has indicated that there is signage indicating the driveway on Wilmington Avenue is for inbound traffic and the driveway on Cedar Springs Grove is for outbound movements. However, the signage is setback from the roadway and cannot be easily seen by motorists.
In view of the above, in order to improve compliance with the current driveway operations, we are recommending that the appropriate traffic regulations be adopted and subsequent signage be installed. The standard traffic signage will be placed in such a manner that motorists will have clear visibility of them.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Charles H. Best Middle School – Turn Restrictions