August 12, 2014

Chair and Members
North York Community Council

Re: Installation of Traffic Control Signals: Willowdale Avenue

Dear colleagues of North York Community Council,

I am requesting your support for the following recommendation:

1. That City Council approve the installation of a traffic control signal on Willowdale Avenue at Centre Avenue.

Background

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Willowdale Avenue, City Council approval is required for the installation of a traffic control signal on Willowdale Avenue at Centre Avenue.

The installation of a traffic control signal on Willowdale Avenue at Centre Avenue would address concerns that at present there is no protection for pedestrians crossing at this location. Transportation Services staff advised that the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location may not create a safe environment with turning vehicles and that a traffic control signal would be the better option to improve safety.

Willowdale Avenue is a four lane minor arterial road. The nearest protected crossing areas are at Otonabee Avenue located 325 metres to the north and at Cummer Avenue located 500 metres to the south. There are transit stops on Willowdale Avenue at Centre Avenue.

The installation of a traffic control signal on Willowdale Avenue at Centre Avenue would improve the pedestrian environment for residents on both sides of the residential communities adjacent to Willowdale Avenue.

Your support for this request from neighbourhood residents would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Councillor David Shiner