Roadway Alterations - Arlington Avenue

Date: December 6, 2013
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: St. Paul's, Ward 21
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

At its meeting of October 17, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council deferred consideration of Item TE27.48. As a result of this decision, consideration of the two previous staff reports (Items TE25.68 and TE27.48) was deferred. Further, Transportation Services was requested to report back to Toronto and East York Community Council with changes to the previously proposed roadway alterations.

Staff of Transportation Services have consulted with Councillor Joe Mihevc and have prepared a new roadway alterations proposal for Arlington Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the alteration of the roadway on Arlington Avenue, between Durham Avenue and Rushton Road, for the installation of traffic calming, generally as shown on the copy of Drawing No. 421G-1280, dated December 2013, attached to the report dated December 6, 2013, entitled "Roadway Alterations – Arlington Avenue", from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

2. Approve the widening of Arlington Avenue, through reduction in the size of the build-outs on the east side of Arlington Avenue and removal of build-outs on the west side of Arlington Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing Nos. 421G-0784
and 421G-1049, dated April 2013, attached to the report dated December 6, 2013, entitled "Roadway Alterations – Arlington Avenue", from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

3. Contingent on approval of Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2 above, and upon completion of construction:

   i) Rescind the "No Parking at Anytime" regulation on the east side of Arlington Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Durham Avenue to a point 16.5 metres further south, and from a point 94.5 metres south of Durham Avenue to a point 19 metres further south;

   ii) Allow parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Arlington Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Durham Avenue to a point 16.5 metres further south, and from a point 94.5 metres south of Durham Avenue to a point 19 metres further south; and

   iii) Prohibit parking from 4:00 p.m. to 7:45 a.m. and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times Saturday and Sunday, on the east side of Arlington Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Durham Avenue to a point 16.5 metres further south, and from a point 94.5 metres south of Durham Avenue to a point 19 metres further south.

**Financial Impact**

The preliminary estimated cost to undertake the recommendations noted above would be $57,000.00.

Funds to undertake this work are contained in the 2014 Traffic Calming Budget, and would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

**DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of October 17, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council deferred consideration of Item TE27.48. In deferring this item, Transportation Services was directed to report back to Toronto and East York Community Council with changes to the roadway alterations previously proposed. Staff of Transportation Services have consulted with Councillor Joe Mihevc and have prepared a new roadway alterations proposal for Arlington Avenue.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services was directed by Toronto and East York Community Council to report back to Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting to be held on November 19, 2013. However, after consultation with Councillor Mihevc, it was agreed that the requested changes would be reported to Toronto and East York Community at its meeting to be held on January 15, 2014.
Transportation Services was requested to report on the following:

a. Switching the west side throat narrowing at the south end of the Arlington Parkette to the east side of the street just north of the laneway.

b. Adding a throat narrowing just south of the Phil White arena entrance on the west side of Arlington Avenue.

c. Eliminating the southernmost speed hump south of the Phil White area entrance.

COMMENTS

Arlington Avenue, between Durham Avenue and Rushton Road, operates one-way southbound on a pavement width ranging from 4.6 to 7.3 metres, with a maximum posted speed limit of 30 km/h. The variances in the pavement width are due to the existing build-outs on the subject section of the roadway. There is no TTC service on this section of Arlington Avenue.

As directed by Toronto and East York Community Council, Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Mihevc and his staff, have now developed a third option for the installation of traffic calming measures on the subject section of Arlington Avenue.

This new proposal provides for the installation of one speed hump, just south of Durham Avenue, two new build-outs, one on each side of the street, as well as a reduction in length of the build-out on the east side of Arlington Avenue, north of the entrance to the public lane.
Transportation Services has no objections to the proposed changes which should promote a safe traffic flow of on-street vehicular traffic as well as providing additional temporary on-street parking within the student pick-up and drop-off zones.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**
(1) Drawing No. 421G-0784, dated April 2013
(2) Drawing No. 421G-1049, dated April 2013
(3) Drawing No. 421G-1066, dated April 2013
(4) Drawing No. 421G-1280, dated December 2013

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