



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Black Creek Drive – Pedestrian Prohibited On Certain Highways: Amendments

Date:	January 16, 2015
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 - York South-Weston, Ward 12 - York South-Weston
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to modify the existing pedestrian prohibition for Black Creek Drive to allow pedestrian use of the recently constructed municipal sidewalk along the east and west sides of Black Creek Drive, between Eglinton Avenue West and Weston Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on the east side (northbound) of Black Creek Drive from Eglinton Avenue West and a point 175m south.
2. Rescinding the existing “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on Black Creek Drive from Weston Road and a point 175m south of Eglinton Avenue West.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation does not result in any financial impact.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Black Creek Drive is a four lane major arterial road, extending northerly from Weston Road and feeding directly to the Highway 401/400 provincial highway system, just north of the Maple Leaf Drive overpass (near Jane Street). The statutory speed limit is 70 km/h. The road was originally developed and constructed as a controlled access roadway. As such, pedestrians were prohibited from using the road allowance, principally because no sidewalks were constructed with the development of the road. As urban development occurs along this road frontage, and sidewalks are constructed, the bylaw that prohibits pedestrians from using this roadway will have to be amended as required.

COMMENTS

As part of Site Plan Agreements with the City of Toronto, sidewalks have been constructed on the east and west sides of Black Creek Drive, south of Eglinton Avenue West and north of Weston Road. As a result, sidewalk exists on both sides of Black Creek Drive, extending from Eglinton Avenue West to Weston Road.

Currently, pedestrians are prohibited by bylaw from walking on the east side of Black Creek Drive from Eglinton Avenue West to Weston Road, as well as on the west side of Black Creek Drive from Weston Road to a point 175metres south of Eglinton Avenue West. Since new sidewalks have now been constructed on the east and west sides of Black Creek Drive, between Eglinton Avenue West and Weston Road, a bylaw amendment is now required to make it technically legal for pedestrians to use this section of roadway.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map