



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Highway 27 – Pedestrians Prohibited On Certain Highways: Amendments

Date:	March 16, 2015
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 1 - Etobicoke North, Ward 2 - Etobicoke North,
Reference Number:	p:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc150043-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to amend the existing pedestrian prohibitions on Highway 27 to reflect the existing as well as proposed sidewalks on this road. These include areas where municipal sidewalks exist along the east side of Highway 27 between Bethridge Road and a point 75 metres north of Queens Plate Drive as well as on the west side between Rexdale Boulevard and Albion Road. Also, with the proposed sidewalk on the east side between Finch Avenue West and Steeles Avenue West, the “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation will have to be exempted from this area.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) provides service on portions of Highway 27, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on Highway 27 from Highway 401 and Steeles Avenue West.
2. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on the east side of Highway 27 from Highway 401 to Bethridge Road.
3. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on the east side of Highway 27 from a point 75 metres north of Queens Plate Drive to Finch Avenue West.

4. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on the west side of Highway 27 from Highway 401 to Rexdale Boulevard.
5. Enacting a “Pedestrians Prohibited on Certain Highways” regulation on the west side of Highway 27 from Albion Road to Steeles Avenue West.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Highway 27 is a four to six lane major arterial road, extending northerly from the Highway 401 provincial highway system and continuing north of Steeles Avenue West into the Region of York. In some sections of the road, there are three lanes in each direction; however, the majority of the road is two lanes for northbound and southbound traffic. The road is divided by a centre median. The statutory speed limit varies between 70 km/h and 80 km/h.

The road was originally developed and constructed as a controlled access roadway. As such, pedestrians were prohibited from using the road allowance. 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 the Site Plan Agreements with the City of Toronto, sidewalks were constructed on the east side of Highway 27 from Bethridge Road to a point 75 metres north of Queens Plate Drive, and on the west side of Highway 27, between Rexdale Boulevard and Albion Road. Proposed now is the installation of a new sidewalk on the east side of Highway 27, between Finch Avenue West and Steeles Avenue West.

Currently, pedestrians are prohibited by bylaw from using Highway 27 from Highway 401 to Steeles Avenue West. Since new sidewalks have now been constructed and are proposed on the east and west sides of Highway 27, a bylaw amendment is now required to make it technically legal for pedestrians to use these sections of roadway.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map