



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Turn Prohibitions – Queen Street West**

<b>Date:</b>	September 10, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2015167te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to rescind the turn prohibitions at the access to a property on the northwest corner of Queen Street West and Callender Street. Turn prohibitions were previously enacted at a retail plaza to prevent the circulation of non-local traffic in the area. This site has now been redeveloped by the Toronto Parking Authority as a paid parking lot and the turn prohibitions for motorists entering onto Queen Street West are no longer required.

This report will address the site access on Queen Street West. The site access on Callender Street will be addressed in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "Turn Prohibition – Callender Street".

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the southbound left-turn and right-turn prohibitions at anytime from Queen Street West (north side) at the driveway 26 metres west of Callender Street.

**Financial Impact**

Funding for the removal of signs in the estimated amount of \$100.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services is reporting on traffic amendments for a property on the northwest corner of Queen Street West and Callender Street to reflect the new access conditions that have resulted from the redevelopment of this site.

## **COMMENTS**

The property located on the northwest corner of Queen Street West and Callender Street was previously a retail plaza (No. 1624 Queen Street West). The parking lot for this plaza had access driveways on the north side of Queen Street West and on the west side of Callender Street.

Queen Street West, in the vicinity of Callender Street, is an east-west major arterial road with a daily traffic volume of about 15,000 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. TTC service on Queen Street West is provided by the '501 Queen' streetcar, which operates on a shared right-of-way with general traffic. There are no transit stops at the intersection with Callender Street.

In 1997 (City Services Committee Report No. 3, Clause No. 7), the following turn prohibitions were enacted at this plaza's accesses:

- at the access on the north side of Queen Street West, southbound left and right-turn movements were prohibited at all times, restricting traffic to inbound movements only; and
- at the access on the west side of Callender Street, southbound right-turns were prohibited at all times, restricting traffic to outbound movements only.

A number of other changes were made to the traffic regulations in the adjacent neighbourhood, bounded by Roncesvalles Avenue, Harvard Avenue, Sorauren Avenue and Queen Street West. The purpose of enacting these traffic regulations was to discourage the circulation of non-local traffic in this area.

In 2011, the site of the retail plaza at Queen Street West and Callender Street was purchased by the City of Toronto and redeveloped by the Toronto Parking Authority as a paid parking lot (Item GM2.20). The parking lot will provide about 35 spaces. Transportation Services have confirmed that the new site will only have an access on the north side of Queen Street West. The access on the west side of Callender Street has been eliminated.

Accordingly, as this site will no longer allow for the flow of through traffic, Transportation Services recommends the rescission of the turn prohibitions at the driveway on the north side of Queen Street West, allowing traffic to exit the parking lot onto Queen Street West.

Councillor Gord Perks has been advised of the recommendation in this report.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

1. Drawing No. 421G-1903, dated September 2015

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