



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Traffic Amendments – Robertson Crescent

Date:	October 16, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts2015197te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the traffic regulations on Robertson Crescent. The proposed changes will improve the traffic operations on Robertson Crescent by prohibiting vehicles from stopping at two curves in the road. Additionally, a number of inconsistencies between the signed and by-lawed traffic regulations will be corrected.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Adopt the regulations outlined in Appendix A, attached to the October 16, 2015 report, entitled "Traffic Amendments – Robertson Crescent" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of signs are included within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Joe Cressy to review the feasibility of amending the traffic regulations on Robertson Crescent to enhance the flow of traffic.

COMMENTS

Robertson Crescent is a local road that intersects the south side of Queens Quay West at two separate signalized intersections. It consists of three straight sections of road that are separated by two 90 degree curves. It has pavement width of about 6.5 metres and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Robertson Crescent.

The west branch of Robertson Crescent is located opposite Rees Street and all traffic movements are permitted at this intersection. This section of Robertson Crescent operates two-way traffic and north-south pedestrian crossings are provided across Queens Quay West.

The east branch of Robertson Crescent is located about 85 metres to the east of the west branch. At the east intersection, northbound left-turns are prohibited at all times and northbound right-turns on a red signal indication are prohibited at all times. There are no north-south pedestrian crossings permitted at this intersection. The signage on this branch indicates a one-way northbound operation, between Queens Quay West and a point about 35 metres south.

The land use in the vicinity of Robertson Crescent is mixed, and includes residential components, mixed retail, restaurants and a hotel. Additionally, the Toronto Police Service - Marine Unit (No. 259 Queens Quay West) is located on the south side of the south branch of Robertson Crescent. In order to accommodate these varying land uses, the parking regulations on Robertson Crescent include sections of Pay & Display parking, several loading zones and a taxi stand.

Area residents and the Waterfront BIA have expressed concerns regarding the operation of Robertson Crescent. Specifically, it was noted that motorists are not clear that this street generally operates two-way traffic, with the exception of the short section on the east branch noted above. Part of this concern can be attributed to the fact that this street did operate one-way in the counter-clockwise direction during the recent reconstruction of Queens Quay West. However, where applicable, all of the signage has been changed back to reflect a street that operates two-way. In order to provide additional guidance to motorists and reinforce the intended two-way operation, Transportation Services staff will be arranging to install a yellow centre line on Robertson Crescent.

Additionally, it was noted that the presence of vehicles parked within the two 90 degree curves on Robertson Crescent are an operational concern for motorists. Vehicles parked within these curves may reduce sight lines for motorists and impede the two-way flow of traffic through the two curves. Presently, the sections of Robertson Crescent within the curves are designated with either "No Parking, Anytime" or "No Standing, Anytime" designations. Transportation Services is recommending a stricter "No Stopping, Anytime" regulation be introduced in both curves. These changes will assist the flow of traffic and re-inforce the two-way operation on Robertson Crescent.

House-keeping Issues

The staff review also detected inconsistencies in the traffic bylaw related to the current signed parking regulations on Robertson Crescent. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations shown in Appendix A of this report.

Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-1952, dated October 2015
2. Appendix A – Traffic Regulations to be Rescinded and Enacted

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