Proposed Alterations – Foxbar Road

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SUMMARY

At its meeting of June 16, 2015 Toronto and East York Community Council requested that the General Manager, Transportation Services report on the implementation of cul-de-sacs on Foxbar Road. The original recommendation was as made by Council on April 10, 2012, in recommendation 6 of TE13.3 - Final Report for 129 St. Clair Avenue West.

The implementation of cul-de-sacs in accordance with minimum City of Toronto design standards will require a widening of the Foxbar Road right-of-way beyond the existing 20 metre width. Transportation Services is investigating options for achieving the required right-of-way width.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council receive the report for information.

Financial Impact

This status report is provided for information only. Receipt of this report will have no financial impact on the 2015 Transportation Services Capital Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

During the course of the Working Group meetings held for a proposed development at 129 St. Clair Avenue West area residents had expressed concerns regarding the anticipated increase in traffic along Foxbar Road. The reconfiguration of Foxbar Road to incorporate back-to-back cul-de-sacs was identified as a preferred measure to mitigate this traffic increase.
COMMENTS

Foxbar Road is a local road with a speed limit of 40 km/h connecting St. Clair Avenue with Avenue Road. Foxbar Road operates two-way between St. Clair Avenue and a point approximately 70 metres further south, with the remainder of the road operating one-way in a south-to-west direction. Foxbar Road has a 20 metre wide right-of-way.

The proposed cul-de-sacs as set out in the letter dated February 9, 2012 from BA Group Transportation Consultants to the City, entitled "129 St. Clair Avenue West (Deer Park Condominium) in response to Working Group Meetings" do not comply with the City's Development Infrastructure Policy & Standards (DIPS) as adopted by City Council at its meeting of December 5, 6 and 7, 2005. The proposed turning circles having a radii of 7.5 metres do not provide adequate turn around space for solid waste collection, winter maintenance and emergency vehicles, and cannot be supported by Transportation Services.

Cul-de-sacs for public local residential streets must have a minimum radius of 12.5 metres to the curb in order to provide adequate turnaround for City service vehicles. The existing 20 metre right-of-way which cannot accommodate the introduction of cul-de-sacs in accordance with the above noted minimum City Standard. Notwithstanding, the implementation of cul-de-sacs would be feasible, subject to a widening of the Foxbar Road right-of-way. The extent of the widening would be determined though detailed study and investigation.

Transportation Services is reviewing various options to achieve the minimum required right-of-way width in consultation with the Local Councillor and area residents, which may also require a community meeting.

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