Straight Through Prohibition – Falstaff Avenue

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 12 – York South - Weston
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SUMMARY
This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval of a "No Straight Through" restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, eastbound on Falstaff Avenue at Culford Road. This restriction will limit traffic infiltration on Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street during the morning peak hours.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Prohibit eastbound straight through movements from 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday on Falstaff Avenue at Culford Road.

Financial Impact
The estimated cost for the signs is $400.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services staff received a request from the area Councillor, to investigate traffic infiltration on Falstaff Avenue. Historical counts have indicated that vehicles use this section of Falstaff Avenue to obtain access to Keele Street. A map of the area is Attachment 1.
Falstaff Avenue, between Jane Street and Culford Road is a two-lane 8.5 metres wide road classified in the City’s Road Classification System as a “Collector” road. Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street is classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. Sidewalks exit on both sides of the road between Jane Street and Springview Avenue, sidewalks then continue only on the south side from Springview Avenue to Norcrest Drive then transition back to both sides of the street from Norcrest Drive to Keele Street. The legal speed limit on Falstaff Avenue, between Jane Street and Culford Road is 40 km/h. Between Culford Road and Amber Crescent, a 30 km/h is posted as physical traffic calming measures (speed humps) exist. The intersection of Falstaff Avenue and Culford Road is controlled with an all-way stop control.

Transportation Services staff has been monitoring traffic patterns on Falstaff Avenue over the last 5 years. To deal with volume and speed concerns, eastbound left turns have been prohibited from Falstaff Avenue to Keele Street, as well as the installation of speed humps on Falstaff Avenue, between Amber Crescent and Culford Road. As a means to reduce traffic infiltration during the morning peak period, on the portion of Falstaff Avenue that is classified as a "local" road, the area Councillor requested implementation of the straight through prohibition which will force motorists to utilize the streets classified as "collector" roads within that subdivision to access the traffic control signals located at Keele Street and Rustic Road.

To reduce traffic infiltration during the morning peak period, on the portion of Falstaff Avenue that is classified as a "local" road, staff recommends that eastbound straight through movements be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on Falstaff Avenue at Culford Road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map