

Date: March 16, 2016

Subject: Traffic Warning Signs – 3181 Bayview Avenue

SUMMARY

The North York intersection of Bayview Avenue and Finch Avenue East attracts high volumes of traffic during peak hours. Residents of the condominium property at 3181 Bayview Avenue, also known as Palace Gates, have repeatedly expressed safety concerns about the access and egress to their property. A traffic sign currently in place to warn motorists of the driveway access point has been insufficient. This letter recommends installing a larger sign and a flashing warning sign to ensure traffic safety.

ISSUE

Palace Gates has a single entrance and exit point for vehicles through the driveway on the south side off of Finch Avenue East. In periods of high traffic, the long line-up of westbound vehicles stopped because of a red light often obstruct that access.

As the driveway is also down on an embankment, the steep slope of the hill makes it difficult for westbound drivers on Finch to gauge the traffic ahead, and for residents entering or exiting the property to see oncoming traffic on Finch. Persistent safety concerns have been reported at this small access point.

Residents have repeatedly asked for a controlled signalised stop, but Transportation Staff do not support its placement so close to a busy intersection. Staff have brought to the local councillor's attention the alternative option of warning signs with flashing lights.

In response to the residents' safety concerns, it is recommended that additional signs be installed to give fair warning to drivers about driveway access to the property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That North York Community Council request Transportation Services to:

1. Replace the "Do Not Block Driveway" sign adjacent to the driveway with a sign at least 50% larger;
2. Install a flashing warning sign coordinated with the traffic signals at Bayview and Finch, with a "Driveway Ahead" sign and a "Prepare to Stop When Flashing" sign attached, on Finch Avenue East **15 metres west of Gaspé Road**; and
3. Prepare the appropriate bylaw to give effect thereto.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Photos of Finch Avenue East near 3181 Bayview Avenue

Attachment 2 – Photos of flashing warning sign at Bayview south of Moore Avenue