Traffic Regulations – Alexandra Park Neighbourhood

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District

Wards: Trinity – Spadina, Ward 20

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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 implement appropriate traffic regulations in the Alexandra Park Neighbourhood, which is bounded by Dundas Street West, Spadina Avenue, Queen Street West, and Bathurst Street. The introduction of traffic regulations are required on the extension of Vanauley Street and Paul Lane Gardens. These roads are scheduled to open in the late fall of 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the traffic and parking regulations outlined in Appendix A – By-Laws to be Rescinded, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Regulations – Alexandra Park Neighbourhood" from the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District dated May 10, 2016.

2. Enact the traffic and parking regulations outlined in Appendix B – By-Laws to be Enacted, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Regulations – Alexandra Park Neighbourhood" from the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District dated May 10, 2016.
Financial Impact
There are no financial implications to this report. All costs associated with the necessary signage installation on Vanauley Street and Paul Lane Gardens, are the responsibility of the developer in accordance with the site plan agreement.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, are reporting to implement traffic regulations on the extension of Vanauley Street and Paul Lane Gardens, in the Alexandra Park Neighbourhood. These regulations are deemed necessary to facilitate the safe and efficient operation of traffic in this area.

COMMENTS
The Alexandra Park Neighbourhood is bounded by Dundas Street West, Spadina Avenue, Queen Street West, and Bathurst Street. Alexandra Park consists of residential housing, with at grade retail along Queen Street West and Spadina Avenue, as well as some institutional and commercial buildings throughout the neighbourhood.

Presently, the Alexandra Park Neighbourhood is undergoing a revitalization which will consist of about 1,540 new and refurbished residential apartment units, 5,700 square metres of retail space, as well as a new public park, a larger community centre, and improved east-west and north-south pedestrian access. Furthermore, contained in the revitalization for the Alexandra Park Neighbourhood are new connecting streets, comprising of an extension of Vanauley Street and Paul Lane Gardens.

Vanauley Street, between Queen Street West and Vanauley Court, is a two lane local road that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. As part of the revitalization of Alexandra Park, Vanauley Street will be extended 85 metres north to intersect the south side of the newly constructed Paul Lane Gardens. On the west side of the street, the existing Pay-and-Display parking will be extended to provide about 18 additional parking spaces. The existing Passenger Loading Zone on the west side will remain. On the east side of the street, standing is prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on Vanauley Street.

The newly constructed Paul Lane Gardens will run east-west, between Augusta Avenue and Cameron Street. Paul Lane Gardens will be a two lane local road that will operate two-way traffic on a pavement width of 7.5 metres and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. The north side of the street will consist of bay-style Pay-and-Display parking, providing about 16 parking spaces. Parking will be prohibited at all times on the south side of the street. There is no TTC service provided on Paul Lane Gardens.

Currently, this area is under construction and a 2015 staff report (Item TE3.94) has enacted a stopping prohibition at all times on both sides of Vanauley Street. This report has directed that the traffic regulations will be returned to their pre-construction conditions upon the completion of this work. Accordingly, the recommendations in the appendices of this report are based on the pre-construction conditions.
By approving the parking and traffic regulations, it shall not be deemed that the City has assumed these highways.

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

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
1. Drawing No. 421G-2155, dated May 2016
2. Appendix A – By-Laws to be Rescinded
3. Appendix B – By-Laws to be Enacted