

Left-Turn Prohibition - 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District

Wards: Ward 34 – Don Valley East

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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 North York Community Council to prohibit northbound left turns from the parking lot at 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive during the weekday morning peak period.

There is an existing southbound right-turn prohibition from Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive during the weekday morning peak period. Approximately 100 motorists a day circumvent this prohibition by travelling through the parking lot at 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue. The proposed northbound left-turn prohibition out of the parking lot will address this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Prohibit northbound left turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, out of the northerly accesses serving 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue, located on the south side of Sweeney Drive, at points 30 metres and 60 metres west of Victoria Park Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with implementing a northbound left-turn prohibition out of the access to 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, on behalf of the Toronto Police Service, to review the feasibility of prohibiting northbound left turns from the plaza at 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive during the weekday morning peak period.

Sweeney Drive is a two-way collector roadway that runs west from Victoria Park Avenue, south of Lawrence Avenue East. The plaza at 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue is located on the south west corner of the intersection and has accesses to Victoria Park Avenue and Sweeney Drive.

Southbound right-turns are prohibited from Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive during the weekday morning peak period due to concerns with traffic infiltration. Observations revealed that approximately 100 motorists a day circumvent this turn prohibition by travelling through the plaza parking lot and executing a northbound left-turn to Sweeney Drive. In addition to circumventing the turn prohibition, this significant traffic volume travelling through the parking lot creates a potentially unsafe situation. There were approximately 20 northbound left-turning motorists exiting the plaza that were not circumventing the turn prohibition.

Prohibiting northbound left turns from the plaza at 1738-1760 Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive during the weekday morning peak period would address the above matter. The businesses in the plaza were solicited for feedback on the recommended turn prohibition and five were in support and one was opposed.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Left-turn prohibition - 1740-1760 Victoria Park Avenue to Sweeney Drive