

Turn Prohibitions – Fern Avenue at George Street

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 5 –York South-Weston

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting Etobicoke York Community Council approve eastbound right-turn and westbound left-turn prohibitions at the intersection of Fern Avenue and George Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

George Street connects Church Street and King Street and also serves as an access to both St. John the Evangelist School and HJ Alexander Community School. The prohibitions are intended to provide for more orderly traffic flow to both schools.

As the TTC operates regular bus service on Church Street, a companion report entitled "Turn Prohibitions – Church Street at George Street" outlines proposed non-delegated traffic regulations at Church Street and George Street that require final approval by City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit eastbound right-turns, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Fern Avenue and George Street.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit westbound left-turns, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the intersection of Fern Avenue and George Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of signs for the proposed turn prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff attended a public meeting hosted by the Ward Councillor on April 18, 2019. In consultation with the Public and Catholic School Boards and area residents, it was determined that turn prohibitions at both Fern Avenue at George Street and Church Street at George Street (detailed in companion report to City Council) would provide more orderly traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up times at both St. John the Evangelist School (reopening Sept 2019) and HJ Alexander Community School which are both located on George Street. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Fern Avenue is a local road and operates two-way east-west from Weston Road to Church Street. Fern Avenue has a pavement width of 7.3 metres with a speed limit of 50 km/h and sidewalks on both sides of the street. Eastbound entry to Fern Avenue is prohibited at all times from a point 40 metres east of Weston Road.

George Street is a local road that operates two-way north-south from King Street to Church Street. It has a pavement width of 7.5 metres with a speed limit of 40 km/h and is designated as a "Community Safety Zone". All-way stop control is in force at the intersection of King Street and George Street. HJ Alexander Community School is located on the west side of George Street and the newly redeveloped St. John the Evangelist School is located on the east side of George Street.

The recommended turn prohibitions will allow motorists, destined for the schools, to access only from King Street during the designated times. Rather than introducing a one-way operations at all times on George Street, introducing turn prohibitions during school rush hours will provide more orderly traffic flow with minimum inconvenience to street residents.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Area Map – Fern Avenue at George Street

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