

U-Turn Prohibition – Elmbrook Crescent

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 2 – Etobicoke Centre

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to prohibit westbound U-turns at all times on Elmbrook Crescent, between Renforth Drive (south intersection) and Millsborough Crescent. This proposed prohibition, requested by an area resident, will address traffic safety concerns and congestion in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit westbound U-turn movements at all times on Elmbrook Crescent, between Renforth Drive (south intersection) and Millsborough Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for the installation of the U-turn signs is \$400.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff received a request from an area resident to prohibit westbound U-turns on Elmbrook Crescent, in the area Newington Crescent, west of Renforth Drive. The U-turns are being generated by motorists dropping off students of nearby Michael Power - St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School, 105 Eringate Drive. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Elmbrook Crescent is classified in the City of Toronto's road system as a "local" roadway. It operates two-way in the residential community west of Renforth Drive and south of Eglinton Avenue West. Elmbrook Crescent has an urban cross-section (i.e., curb and gutter) with sidewalks located on both sides of the street. The posted speed limit on Elmbrook Crescent is 40 km/h. Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of Renforth Drive and Elmbrook Crescent/Eringate Drive. Michael Power - St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School is located on the southeast corner of Renforth Drive and Eringate Drive. Elmbrook Library and Park are situated on the north side of Elmbrook Crescent, between Renforth Drive and Millsborough Crescent.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that a number of westbound motorists make U-turns on Elmbrook Crescent at and near Newington Crescent. During the morning peak traffic period 75 vehicles were recorded completing a westbound to eastbound U-turn. In some instances, other motorists were required to stop for the U-turning vehicle in order to avoid a collision. Considering the traffic volumes and pedestrian activity, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive school area.

Based on Transportation Services' review of this matter and consultation with the area Councillor, it is recommended westbound U-turn prohibition at all times on Elmbrook Crescent, between Renforth Drive (south intersection) and Millsborough Crescent. This proposed prohibition will help deter westbound U-turn manoeuvres, and enhancing traffic operations and safety in the area.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Elmbrook Crescent)

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