

## **Proposed Road Changes Pilot - Rivertowne**

**Date:** August 28, 2019  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program,  
Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

### **SUMMARY**

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Since Don Mount Court was redeveloped into Rivertowne, local residents have been working with their local Councillor and staff in Transportation Services, City Planning, Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), as well as Toronto Police Services and the Ralph Thornton Centre to address traffic safety issues. While a number of actions have been implemented to date, and traffic speeds are reduced, traffic infiltration (shortcutting) through the community is still occurring. This report recommends implementation of a three month pilot in Fall/Winter 2019 to test the effectiveness and impacts of closing a section of Thompson Street to traffic and converting two sections of road to one way operation.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services Division recommends that:

1. For the duration of the Rivertowne Traffic Management Pilot Project, expected to be from November 2019 to March 2020:
  - a) Toronto and East York Community Council designate Matilda Street, between Munro Street and Carroll Street, as one-way for westbound traffic only.
  - b) Toronto and East York Community Council designate Kintyre Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Munro St., as one-way for westbound traffic only.
  - c) Toronto and East York Community Council temporarily close to vehicular traffic Thompson Street, between Carroll Street and the first Lane east of Carroll Street and running south of Thompson Street, as set out in attached Drawing No. 421G-3509.

- d) Toronto and East York Community Council, subject to approval of Recommendation (c) above, prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Thompson Street, between Carroll Street and Munro Street.
- e) Toronto and East York Community Council, subject to approval of Recommendations (c) and (d) above, rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect [from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.](#) on the even (north) side of Thompson Street, between Carroll Street and Munro Street.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Funding to implement these changes is available within the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets for Transportation Services.

The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting on June 16, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council requested that the Chief Planner, City Planning and General Manager, Transportation Services consult with the community and report to Toronto and East York Community Council in 2015 on the recommendations developed by the Community Traffic Working Group concerning public realm improvements and traffic mitigation in the Rivertowne neighbourhood.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.TE7.126>

At its meeting on January 19, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council, among other things, deferred consideration of a report (December 16, 2015) from the Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services entitled, "Traffic Planning in Rivertowne."

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.TE13.73>

At its meeting on April 5, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council received a report (December 16, 2015) from the Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services entitled, "Traffic Planning in Rivertowne" for information, requested the General Manager, Transportation Services to hold a public meeting in Rivertowne to discuss the proposed traffic plan and to examine appropriate funding sources for inclusion in the 2017 Transportation budget.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.TE15.47>

At its meeting on June 6, 2018, Toronto and East York Community Council authorized Transportation Services to paint stop bars and crosswalk lines at various locations within Rivertowne; install speed humps on sections of Carroll Street, Munro Street, Matilda Street, Kintyre Avenue and Davies Avenue; and speed bumps in the laneway west of Joel Weeks Park.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.TE33.95>

At its meeting on July 4, 2018, Toronto and East York Community Council received for information an update on the implementation of road safety improvements in Rivertowne.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.TE34.138>

## **COMMENTS**

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Since Don Mount Court was redeveloped into Rivertowne, local residents have been working with their local Councillor and staff in Transportation Services, City Planning, Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), as well as Toronto Police Services and the Ralph Thornton Centre to address traffic safety issues. The key issues raised were traffic infiltration (shortcutting) through the Rivertowne community to avoid traffic congestion at the intersections of Broadview Avenue & Dundas Street East and Broadview Avenue & Queen Street East; drivers making illegal turns and driving the wrong way on one-way streets and vehicles speeding.

A number of interventions have been implemented including speed limit reductions, stop line repainting and speed bump installation on multiple streets. Additional work planned for installation includes curb extensions and curb radii reductions and one new and one widened sidewalk at various locations along with the installation of bike route sharrows and signs on Carroll Street between Dundas Street East and Matilda Street.

While work implemented to date has assisted the community and reduced speeding, traffic infiltration (shortcutting) through the community is still occurring. Previous Council reports identified a temporary road closure and conversion of some streets to one way operation for further review. It is now proposed to implement some of these on a three month pilot basis, through closure of a section of Thompson Street to traffic and conversion of two sections of Kintyre Avenue to one way operation, to test their effectiveness at reducing traffic infiltration and understand impacts on traffic movement.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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