



REPORT FOR ACTION

One-Way Street Designation – Market Garden Mews

Date: October 13, 2020
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke Lakeshore

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 approval to designate Market Garden Mews, between Queen Elizabeth Boulevard and Islington Avenue, one-way westbound, which will address concerns about cut-through traffic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council designate Market Garden Mews, between Queen Elizabeth Boulevard and Islington Avenue, as one-way for westbound traffic only.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing the signs on Market Garden Mews is approximately \$ 900.00. Funding is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2020 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a petition, via the Ward Councillor, from area residents requesting that Market Garden Mews, between Queen Elizabeth Boulevard

and Islington Avenue be changed from a two-way to a one-way street operation due to concerns about short-cut traffic. In addition, the local Councillor's office papered the local residents on this matter and received positive support to designate Market Garden Mews one-way westbound. A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

Market Garden Mews is currently a two lane, two-way street, classified in the City of Toronto's Road Classification System as a "local" road. The street has an urban cross-section (curb and gutter). Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. Market Garden Mews provides access to a public laneway on the north side of Market Garden Mews. The posted speed limit on Market Garden Mews is 40 km/h. Land use on either side of Market Garden Mews is residential, consisting of townhomes. Land use to the east of Market Garden Mews is commercial and industrial. The signalized intersection of Islington Avenue and The Queensway is to the northwest of Market Garden Mews.

Currently, right-in (northbound to eastbound) and right-out (westbound to northbound) movements are only allowed at the intersection of Islington Avenue and Market Garden Mews. The westbound and southbound left-turn movements at the intersection of Islington Avenue and Market Garden Mews are physically prohibited through a raised centre island on Islington Avenue.

The street currently operates two-way and concerns have been raised by area residents regarding short-cut traffic, in particular, northbound right-turning traffic from Islington Avenue onto Market Garden Mews to proceed eastbound to Queen Elizabeth Boulevard.

To address the area residents' concerns of shortcut traffic, in particular, northbound traffic that turns right from Islington Avenue onto Market Garden Mews to proceed east to Queen Elizabeth Boulevard, an eight-hour turning movement count was conducted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the intersection of Islington Avenue and Market Garden Mews. The counts revealed that during the study, 890 vehicles were observed turning right onto Market Garden Mews from Islington Avenue, including 82 vehicles in the morning peak (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.) and 161 in the p.m. peak (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). By comparison, the total inbound and outbound traffic on Market Garden Mews at Islington Avenue during the eight-hour study was 979 vehicles, including 99 vehicles in the morning peak and 179 vehicles in the p.m. peak. Although an origin/destination (i.e.; license plate trace study) was not conducted, staff can conclude from the aforementioned turning movement count data that not all the right-turning traffic from Islington Avenue onto Market Garden Mews is being generated by the residential townhomes in the area. We are confident, based on this data and the concerns expressed by area residents, a significant amount of short-cut traffic is occurring on Market Garden Mews.

It should be noted that in addition to the petition received, Transportation Services have been advised that the area Councillor's office papered the area to gauge interest of affected residents along the Queensway (who have their parking spot in the laneway), as well as residents directly on Market Garden Mews. The majority of residents who contacted them are in-support of the one-way operation westbound.

Transportation Services, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, recommends that Market Garden Mews, between Queen Elizabeth Boulevard and Islington Avenue, be designated a one-way street in the westbound direction. This proposal will help address concerns on Market Garden Mews with short-cut traffic on this street.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Area Map – Market Garden Mews

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