



Date: November 3, 2020
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Deputy Mayor Stephen Holyday
Subject: Area Review

I would like to request that the following item be added to the Etobicoke York Community Council Agenda.

SUMMARY:

The City conducts neighbourhood-focused reviews of traffic operations with the application of a safety lens. This is in recognition that safety concerns often follow area-wide patterns, and that efficient and effective solutions necessitate looking at how streets function together within a zone, and how traffic changes on one street can impact the conditions on another.

I have received multiple concerns from within the Etobicoke Centre neighbourhoods of Eatonville and Glen Park, in the area bounded by Rathburn Road, The East Mall, Burnhamthorpe Road and Martin Grove Road. Issues raised were cut-through traffic, excessive speeding, poor stop sign compliance, safe crossings, missing sidewalk links, and poor sight lines, coupled with safety concerns for vulnerable road users, and the function around the local school and park.

Among the unique issues of this area are the long parallel streets linking Rathburn Road to Burnhamthorpe Road, the mix of grid-pattern and garden-pattern streets, the mix of rural and urban road cross-sections, and qualified documentation of instances of speeding by motorists.

I am writing to ask your support in making a comprehensive area specific traffic safety review in this neighbourhood a top priority.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Etobicoke York Community Council request that Transportation Services prioritize a comprehensive area study in the area bounded by Rathburn Road, The East Mall, Burnhamthorpe Road and Martin Grove Road; and to report back on appropriate measures to address traffic infiltration, vehicular volume and speed, pedestrian and cyclist safety, street infrastructure and controls, and sight-line concerns.

Yours Sincerely,



Deputy Mayor Stephen Holyday
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