U-Turn Prohibition - Seasons Drive

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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 23 – Scarborough North

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on Seasons Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

This report recommends that City Council prohibit U-turns on Seasons Drive, between Oasis Boulevard and Grosbeak Crescent. Prohibiting U-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of Seasons Drive located adjacent to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turn movements at all times on Seasons Drive, between Oasis Boulevard and Grosbeak Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing the required signs is approximately $2,000. Funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2020 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.
In response to a request from Councillor Cynthia Lai’s office on behalf of school and Parent Teacher Association representatives, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting U-turns on Seasons Drive near Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe the subject section of Seasons Drive:

- Seasons Drive is located south of Steeles Avenue East and west of Staines Road.
- Seasons Drive is a two-lane collector road with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of Seasons Drive.
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School is located at 8 Seasons Drive on the north side of Seasons Drive, east of Oasis Boulevard.
- Brookside Public School is located at 75 Oasis Boulevard on the east side of Oasis Boulevard, north of Seasons Drive, adjacent to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists mainly of single family residential dwellings, schools, and parks.
- The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates revenue bus service on Seasons Drive.

At a school meeting in January 2020, school and Parent Teacher Association representatives expressed concerns that many eastbound vehicles on Seasons Drive are making U-turns in front of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School to subsequently travel back westbound on Seasons Drive and vice versa.

A collision analysis conducted for the five-year period ending December 31, 2018 revealed there was one reported collision associated with a vehicle making a U-turn manoeuvre on Seasons Drive near Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic School.

Given that this area of Seasons Drive is a school zone, the prohibition of eastbound and westbound U-turns on Seasons Drive between Oasis Boulevard and Grosbeak Crescent is expected to provide a safer environment for all road users, enhance traffic conditions and allow for enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.
The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation in this report.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1 - Location Plan (U-Turn Prohibition - Seasons Drive)