

U-Turn Prohibition - White Heather Boulevard

Date: June 16, 2020
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 23, Scarborough North

SUMMARY

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

This report recommends a u-turn prohibition on White Heather Boulevard, between Dragoon Crescent and Sandhurst Circle. Prohibiting u-turns will provide a safer environment for all road users along this section of White Heather Boulevard located adjacent to Percy Williams Junior Public School.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit northbound and southbound u-turn movements at all times on White Heather Boulevard, between Dragoon Crescent and Sandhurst Circle.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing the required signs is approximately \$1,500. Funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services 2020 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request from Councillor Cynthia Lai's office on behalf of school representatives and parents, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting u-turns on White Heather Boulevard near Percy Williams Junior Public School.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe this area of White Heather Boulevard:

- Located south of McNicoll Avenue, east of McCowan Road, and west of Middlefield Road.
- A two-lane collector road with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides.
- Percy Williams Junior Public School is located at 35 White Heather Boulevard on the east side of White Heather Boulevard.
- The land use in the surrounding area consists mainly of single-family residential dwellings, schools and a park.

At a school meeting in January 2020, school representatives and parents expressed concerns that many northbound vehicles on White Heather Boulevard are making u-turns in front of Percy Williams Junior Public School to subsequently travel back southbound on White Heather Boulevard and vice-versa.

A collision analysis conducted for the five-year period ending December 31, 2018 revealed there were no reported collisions associated with vehicles making u-turn manoeuvres on White Heather Boulevard near Percy Williams Junior Public School.

Given that this area of White Heather Boulevard is a school zone, the prohibition of northbound and southbound u-turns on White Heather Boulevard, between Dagoon Crescent and Sandhurst Circle, is expected to provide a safer environment for all road users, enhance traffic conditions and allow for enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

Councillor Cynthia Lai has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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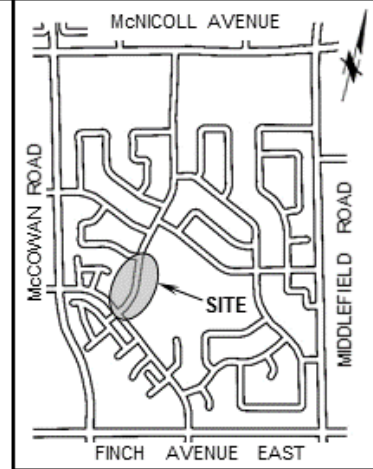
ATTACHMENT

1. Map File Number D20-9968817, dated February 2020
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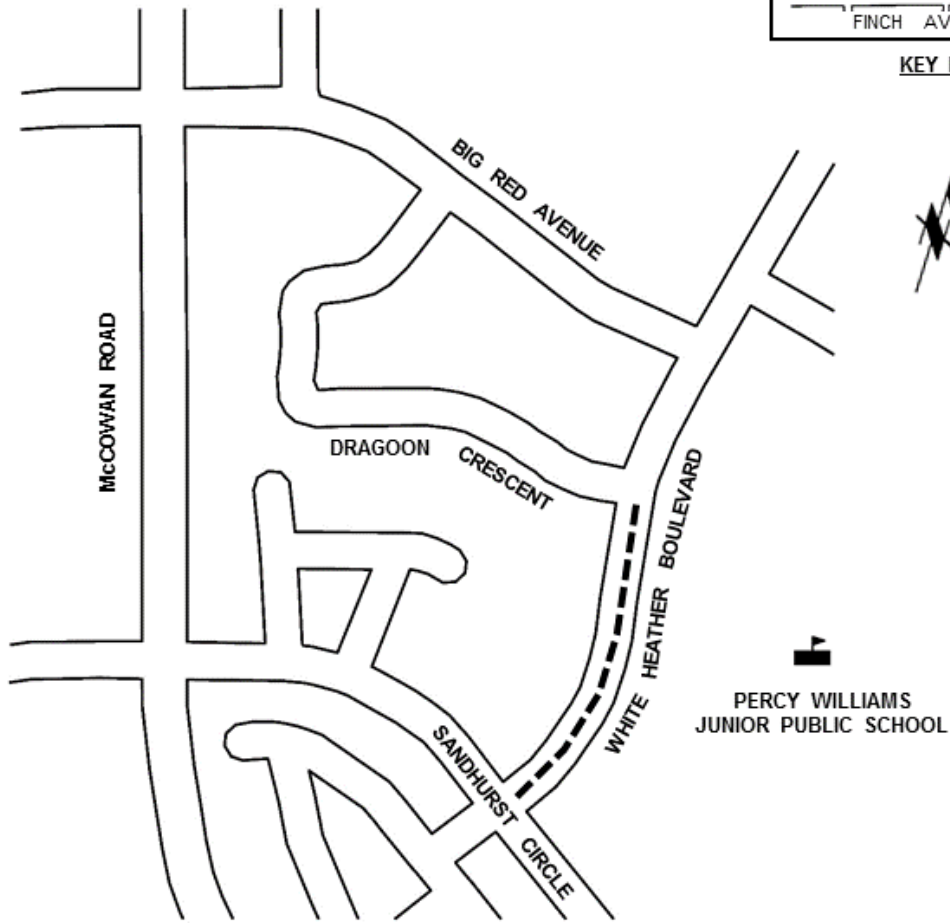
LEGEND



PROPOSED NO U-TURN



KEY MAP



LOCATION MAP



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