

Two-Way Traffic Operation - Beech Avenue

Date: January 10, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 19, Beaches-East York

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 recommending that the one-way traffic operation on Beech Avenue, immediately south of Kingston Road be amended to a two-way operation. This proposal will provide access from Kingston Road to the new development at 907 Kingston Road. The two-way operation will reduce development-generated traffic using Beech Avenue and other local streets in the neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing one-way northbound designation on Beech Avenue, between Kingston Road and Park Avenue, to be in effect from Park Road and a point 47 metres further south of Kingston Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report. The cost for the pavement marking and signage modifications related to the two-way conversion will be borne by the developer of No. 907 Kingston Road (The YMCA of Metropolitan Toronto).

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of July 7, 2015, City Council adopted item TE7.14 (Final Report - 873 and 907 Kingston Road and 218 and 220 Balsam Avenue - Official Plan and Zoning Amendment) where, among other things, the alteration of Beech Avenue to accommodate two-way traffic south to the point of the vehicular access for the proposed development has been approved.

The City Council decision can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2015.TE7.14>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the developer (The YMCA of Metropolitan Toronto) to convert the existing one-way northbound traffic operation on Beech Avenue, between Kingston Road and a point 47 metres south, to two-way traffic operations, as part of the Site Plan Control Application No. 15 162922 STE 32 SA, for No. 709 Kingston Road.

Existing Conditions

Beech Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates one-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 6 metres
- The daily one-way traffic volume is approximately 1,500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Land use on Beech Avenue is comprised of single family residential properties. There is access to Glen Stewart Ravine on the west side of Beech Avenue, south of Kingston Road. 907 Kingston Road is a mixed-use low rise building that has been constructed recently on the southeast corner of Beech Avenue and Kingston Road.

The parking regulations on Beech Avenue, within the subject section are as follows:

West side

- No parking anytime

East side

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 7 days a week, and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Proposed Changes

As per the approved Site Plan Control Application for 907 Kingston Road, Beech Avenue was proposed to be converted from one-way northbound to two-way operation, between Kingston Road and a point 47 metres further south. The proposal is intended to reduce development-generated traffic using Beech Avenue and other local streets in the neighbourhood. The introduction of a two-way operation encourages inbound and outbound movement to the building via Kingston Road. This proposal will address area residents' concerns regarding potential cut-through traffic into the community.

A map of the area and proposed amendment is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Two-way Traffic Operation - Beech Avenue

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