

## **Compulsory Stop Control - Venn Crescent and Blackthorn Avenue**

**Date:** October 9, 2024

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 5 - York South - Weston

### **SUMMARY**

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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 the installation of a stop control for westbound traffic at the intersection of Venn Crescent and Blackthorn Avenue. An assessment was undertaken and it was determined that the installation of a stop control for westbound traffic is recommended in association with the extension of Venn Crescent on the east side of Blackthorn Avenue. The stop control will clearly define the right-of-way and enhance safety for all road users.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize a compulsory stop control for westbound traffic on Venn Crescent and Blackthorn Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated costs associated with the proposed amendment is \$250. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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At the request of the local Councillor, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of installing a stop control on Venn Crescent (east leg) at Blackthorn Avenue.

### Existing Conditions

Venn Crescent is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are no sidewalks provided on either side of the street
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is a stop control for eastbound traffic at the subject intersection

Blackthorn Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north/south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks provided on both sides of the street
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times

The surrounding land use consists of primarily single-family residential dwellings and commercial buildings on the east side of the subject location.

These two streets intersect to form a four-leg intersection with stop control for eastbound motorists only.

As there is no stop control on the east leg of the subject location, right-of-way is determined as defined in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, which stipulates that priority is "given to vehicles already within the intersection or, in the event two or more vehicles are approaching the intersection at approximately the same time, the Act requires the driver on the left to yield to the vehicle on the right."

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision data for a three-year period ending December 31, 2023, reveals a good safety record at this intersection with no reported collisions.

The installation of a stop control for westbound motorists will clearly define the right-of-way and enhance safety for all road users.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Compulsory Stop Control - Venn Crescent and Blackthorn Avenue

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