



**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council**

**RE: Converting Ryding Avenue into a One-Way Street**

**Summary:**

Ryding Avenue is a two-way local public road situated one block south of St. Clair Avenue West, running easterly from Runnymede Road for approximately 710 metres. In addition to a direct connection from Runnymede Road, Ryding Avenue also provides indirect connections to St. Clair Avenue West through Cobalt Avenue and Keele Street through Gourley Crescent, Dods Avenue and West Toronto Street. The north side of Ryding Avenue is lined with residential homes, while the south side features Runnymede Park, George Bell Arena and a small pocket of residential homes closer to Runnymede Road. Further west, along Ethel Avenue and West Toronto Street, the corridor provides access to two major retail areas. Historically, Ryding Avenue has been used as a cut-through route by various types of vehicles—including cars, trucks, and tractor trailers—traveling between Runnymede Road and Keele Street.

On March 6, 2024, City Planning hosted a community meeting regarding the proposed development at 87 Ethel Avenue. During this meeting, residents voiced their concerns about current traffic volumes on Ryding Avenue and the anticipated increase in traffic associated with the new development, particularly in relation to pedestrian and community safety.

One potential solution proposed at the meeting was to convert Ryding Avenue into a one-way street, eastbound from Runnymede Road to Cobalt Avenue. Planning and Transportation staff noted this suggestion and agreed to further assess its merits through the 87 Ethel Avenue development proposal, which will eventually require Site Plan Approval.

Shortly after the community meeting, my office received a formal petition signed by over 70 residents of Ryding Avenue requesting the conversion of the street to a one-way eastbound operation between Runnymede Road and Cobalt Avenue.

This motion seeks to authorize the eastbound one-way conversion of Ryding Avenue, between Runnymede Road and Cobalt Avenue.

**Recommendations:**

1. Etobicoke-York Community Council designate Ryding Avenue, between Runnymede Road and Cobalt Avenue, as one-way for eastbound traffic only.

Sincerely,

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