

June 19, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Re: Turn Prohibition – Foundry Avenue and Davenport Road
Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide wording for recommendations they plan to present to the July 8, 2025 Toronto and East York Community Council in lieu of staff report. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

Summary

- ☐ Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- ☐ Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- ☒ Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time

Draft Recommendations

1. *City Council prohibit northbound left-turns, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Foundry Avenue at Davenport Road.*

A northbound left-turn prohibition from Foundry Avenue to Davenport Road during the weekday peak periods was requested by residents through the Councillor's office. This measure is intended to prevent motorists from using Brandon Avenue, Powerhouse Street, and Foundry Avenue as a cut-through to Davenport Road from Lansdowne Avenue to avoid congestion. Residents communicated that this has led to driver frustration, motorists attempting unsafe left-turns, blocking eastbound traffic on Davenport Road, and frequent instances of verbal abuse.

A 2015 traffic count disclosed approximately 50 and 35 northbound left turns made during the weekday morning and afternoon periods, respectively. Updated traffic counts were not collected; however, Traffic Operations conducted a site visit in March 2025 and observed vehicles backed up in the northbound and southbound lanes on Foundry Avenue to Powerhouse Street and instances of motorists honking. Residents and their guests will not be exempt from these prohibitions.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations below will be approximately \$500. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by City Council.

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