

Date: September 2, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Dufferin Street and Bloem Avenue, Turn Prohibition – Motion
Memorandum (Ward 9, Davenport)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide wording for recommendations they plan to present to the September 18, 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
- X ☒ 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 southbound right-turns from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted, at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Bloem Avenue.*

A southbound right-turn prohibition from Dufferin Street to Bloem Avenue during the weekday afternoon peak period was requested by residents through the Councillor's office. This measure is intended to prevent motorists from using Bloem Avenue and Sellers Avenue as a cut-through from Dufferin Street to Rogers Road to avoid congestion. Residents communicated motorists speeding, attempting unsafe left-turns from Sellers Avenue to Rogers Road, blocking westbound traffic on Rogers Road, and causing southbound traffic to back up on Sellers Avenue approaching Rogers Road. All of these have led to driver frustration.

A 2013 traffic count disclosed approximately 100 southbound right turns were made during the weekday afternoon period. Updated traffic counts were not collected, and staff have not evaluated the existing turning volumes at the subject intersection. Residents and their guests will not be exempt from this turning prohibition.

Cost

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 will be approximately \$500.00. 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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