

Maple Leaf Drive and Falstaff Avenue - Traffic Safety Improvements

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 5 (York South-Weston)

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Etobicoke York Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

City Council approval is required for the changes recommended in this report including authorization to designate Community Safety Zones and to install a pedestrian crossover on a street where Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit route.

This report is a companion to a report entitled "Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan" which documents the all the findings of the Maple Leaf and Rustic Streets Plan study and recommended changes for which authority has been delegated to Etobicoke York Community Council. The Streets Plan assessed existing conditions, engaged with the public and community organizations, and proposed appropriate changes to neighbourhood streets.

This report is a summary of the recommendations from the Streets Plan that require City Council authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Planning, Director of Enforcement & Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Maple Leaf Drive at a point approximately 260 metres east of Jane Street.
2. City Council designate a Community Safety Zone to be in effect at all times on both sides of Falstaff Avenue, between Fleetwood Avenue and Culford Road
3. Subject to the approval of Part 2, City Council rescind the existing Community Safety Zone regulation, in effect at all times, on both sides of Bannerman Street, between Grovedale Avenue and Rustic Road.

4. Subject to the approval of Part 2, City Council amend the existing Community Safety Zone regulation, in effect at all times on both sides Rustic Road, between Culford Road and Keele Street, to be in effect between Culford Road and Bannerman Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing a pedestrian crossover is \$180,000 including all civil work. The estimated cost for signage changes related to the Community Safety Zones is between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Funding is available for these capital projects categorized as Health & Safety, in the approved 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services.

DECISION HISTORY

On February 5, 2020, Etobicoke York Community Council requested a study of the area bounded by Falstaff Avenue and Floral Parkway to the north, Connie Street and Treelawn Parkway to the east, Lawrence Avenue West to the south and Jane Street to the west, including the intersection of Keele Street and Lawrence Avenue West to address traffic infiltration, vehicular volume and speed as well as pedestrian and cyclist safety, with consideration to also include the future relocation of St. Fidelis Catholic Elementary School.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2020.EY13.23>

COMMENTS

This is a companion report to the report to Etobicoke York Community Council entitled 'Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan'.

In 2020, the local Councillor requested a traffic study for the Maple Leaf and Rustic neighbourhood.

The Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan was the last project initiated before the establishment of the nomination system for the Neighbourhood Streets Plan program in 2023. More information about the program for Neighbourhood Streets Plans is available on the program webpage at toronto.ca/nsp.

The changes proposed by the Streets Plan include changes that require City Council authorization.

- Pedestrian crossover on a TTC route (Maple Leaf Drive east of Jane Street)
- Designation of a new Community Safety Zones

Pedestrian Crossover on Maple Leaf Drive at mid-block TTC bus stop

The Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan proposes a pedestrian crossover together with midblock safety improvement at a point approximately 30 metres east of the driveway of 290-300 Queens Drive to improve safety for all road users. The pedestrian crossover will help pedestrians cross by requiring drivers to stop. A midblock safety improvement can help encourage drivers to slow down in general. These changes require a slight relocation of the TTC bus stop approximately 30m east to provide clear sight lines.

A protected pedestrian crossing at this location is warranted based on a context assessment: a pedestrian crossover is recommended based on city guidelines. The numerical justification was not met at this location; the recommendation for an protected pedestrian crossing is based on professional judgement of contextual information considered through the planning study.

- The bus stop near the driveway of 200-300 Queens Drive is a pedestrian desire line. The TTC stop is located 260m and 350m away from the nearest protected crossings, which are also the locations of the nearest TTC bus stops for the same route.
- The bus stop is located near a senior's residence.
- Over an 8-hour period, 64 pedestrians cross and 15 pedestrians are delayed more than 10 seconds. The values for Pedestrian Volumes and Delay required to be justified is 192 pedestrians crossing and with at least 54 pedestrians delayed more than 10 seconds.
- Over the last 10-years, two pedestrians were involved in collisions near this location.
- Between Jane Street and Stella Street, this section of Maple Leaf Drive is the busiest street within the neighbourhood. There are 6,950 vehicles per day traveling 54 km/h at the 85th percentile. The road widens from Stella Street (8.5m wide) to the bus stop (10.5m) to Jane Street (over 15m) and westbound motor vehicle operating speeds become faster closer to Jane Street.

Safety Zones

The Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan proposes one location to be newly designated as a safety zone: Falstaff Avenue between Fleetwood Avenue and Culford Road. This location was selected based on site visits, data analysis and feedback collected from residents. Another location on Maple Leaf Drive between Jane Street and Stella Street was investigated by the study but not recommended due to changes in provincial policy (described below).

There are two types of safety zones in the neighbourhood: School Safety Zones and Community Safety Zones. The fronting streets for all schools in the neighbourhood are already designated as both a School Safety Zone and Community Safety Zone.

Falstaff Avenue School Safety Zone and Community Safety Zone

In September 2025, St. Fidelis Catholic School opened its new location at 155 Falstaff Avenue. A School Safety Zone is proposed along Falstaff Avenue between Fleetwood Avenue and Culford Road in front of the new school site. It is also proposed to be a designated Community Safety Zone, consistent with city-wide practice.

Maple Leaf Drive Community Safety Zone

In November 2023, City Council approved (2023.IE7.4) expanded criteria for establishing Community Safety Zones outside of school zones with the goal of enabling future automated speed enforcement. Maple Leaf Drive between Jane Street and Stella Street meets the site selection criteria due to its proximity to a senior's residence. Maple Leaf Drive between Jane Street and Stella Street has the highest traffic volumes and traffic speed on a neighbourhood street in the entire Maple Leaf and Rustic neighbourhood. However, the warrant for Community Safety Zones outside a school zone is not met as automated speed enforcement is no longer feasible. As of November 14, 2025, the Government of Ontario has officially prohibited the use of automated speed enforcement province-wide with the passage of Bill 56.

Implementation

Installation timelines will be dependent on the complexity of delivery, availability of materials, funding and competing priorities.

It should also be noted that the removal of up to 4 trees may be required for the installation of a pedestrian crossover on Maple Leaf Drive, approximately 30 metres east of the driveway of 290-300 Queens Drive or 260 m east of Jane Street.

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

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