

Through Highway - Elsmere Avenue between the east side of Weston Road and easterly limit of Elsmere Avenue

Date: April 13, 2026

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 Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending the designation of Elsmere Avenue, between the east side of Weston Road and easterly limit of Elsmere Avenue, as a through highway which will clearly define the right-of-way and enhance safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council designate Elsmere Avenue between the east side of Weston Road and easterly limit of Elsmere Avenue as a through highway.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated costs associated with the proposed amendment is \$400.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of installing right-of-way control for northbound traffic on Pantelis Kalamaris laneway east of Weston Road, north of John Street. Transportation Services is recommending that Elsmere Avenue, between the east side of Weston Road and easterly limit of Elsmere Avenue be designated as a through highway. This will allow for the installation of a stop control for northbound traffic in Pantelis Kalamaris laneway the intersects Elsmere Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Pantelis Kalamaris laneway between Elsmere Avenue and John Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane laneway
- It operates one-way northbound on a pavement width of approximately 3.0 metres
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times

Elsmere Avenue 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 7.6 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h.
- Traffic control Signal are located at the Weston Road and Elsmere Avenue intersection.
- There are sidewalks on both sides of the street from Weston Road to a point 45 metres east.
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times.

The surrounding land use consists of a mix of commercial and residential high rises.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision data for Elsmere Avenue and Pantelis Kalamaris laneway for a three-year period ending December 31, 2025, reveals a good safety record, with no reported collisions.

The installation of a stop sign for northbound motorists in the laneway 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.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Through Highway - Elsmere Avenue between Weston Road and easterly limit of Elsmere Avenue

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