

May 25, 2026

To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services
Re: Ryding Avenue and Cobalt Avenue – Traffic Island Removal
Wards: Ward 5, York South-Weston

Transportation Services has been requested by a local councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present in a motion to Etobicoke York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

Summary

X 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. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize the removal of the traffic island on Ryding Avenue at Cobalt Avenue.
2. Subject to approval of and in conjunction with the removal of the traffic island on Ryding Avenue at Cobalt Avenue:
 - a. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the entry prohibition for westbound traffic on Ryding Avenue east of a point 20 metres east of Cobalt Avenue (bicycles excepted).
 - b. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing compulsory stop control for eastbound traffic on Ryding Avenue at Cobalt Avenue.
 - c. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize an all-way compulsory stop control at the intersection of Ryding Avenue and Cobalt Avenue.

- d. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit right-turns at all times for southbound traffic on Cobalt Avenue at Ryding Avenue.

In 2021, a permanent traffic island was installed on the north side of Ryding Avenue, just east of Cobalt Avenue to reinforce the eastbound one-way operation on the east leg of the intersection of Ryding Avenue and Cobalt Avenue.

A community consultation meeting for the proposed development at 87 Ethel Avenue was held on March 6, 2024, and residents and users of the nearby George Bell Arena expressed concerns about potential increased traffic through their neighbourhood which prompted a petition to convert Ryding Avenue, between Runnymede Road and Cobalt Avenue to a one-way eastbound operation.

At its meeting on April 30, 2025, the Ward Councillor submitted a motion and Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Item No. EY22.31 (Converting Ryding Avenue into a One-Way Street) and converted Ryding Avenue, between Runnymede Road and Cobalt Avenue to a one-way eastbound operation.

The Councillor is asking for the removal of the traffic island to allow westbound traffic to access Cobalt Avenue in the form of all-way stop control. As staff have not been able to assess potential impacts to the area, Transportation Services does not support the removal of the traffic island.

Cost

Staff have not developed engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, the costs associated with approving the recommendation is anticipated to be approximately \$100,000. As this work was not anticipated, funding has not been included for this project in the approved 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services. Upon approval of the recommendation, the capital works will be requested as part of the subsequent capital budget submission process to be considered along with other City Priorities.

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