



NOTICE OF MOTION

Exploring Alternative Options to Clarify Complex Intersections

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SUMMARY:

Maintaining clarity and understanding of road rules is essential to ensuring safety for all road users. In some areas of the City, road configurations make this challenging. In Don Valley West, the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Bayview Heights Drive is signed “Do Not Block the Intersection” for northbound traffic – however, the intersection is commonly blocked as the area referred to by the sign is not immediately obvious. This makes it nearly impossible for drivers looking to turn north onto Bayview Avenue from Bayview Heights Drive to find a gap, and necessitates drivers to act quickly when a gap does appear, increasing the risk of accidents. On a stretch of road which has already seen several serious collisions in recent years, the present condition is untenable.

Denoting the intersection through pavement markings or other indicators would ensure greater clarity for drivers, improving the condition for north-turning traffic from Bayview Heights Drive and improving road safety in the area. This is just one example of many in a City with many complicated intersections that would benefit from clearer design for road users.

Toronto should be exploring all options to improve road safety. While the types of signage and pavement markings available to us are defined by the Highway Traffic Act, Toronto should look to neighbours operating under the same legislative constraints to adapt best practices in our own road design and traffic operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, undertake a jurisdictional scan for alternative Highway Traffic Act-compliant pavement markings and other options utilized in Ontario municipalities to denote ambiguous intersections for the purpose of increasing driver safety and awareness and to prevent “box blocking”, and report back to Infrastructure and Environment Committee on findings in Q1 2027.

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