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Review Steeles Avenue East Road Upgrades: Bayview Avenue to Townsend Road

Dear Mr Green,

As part of the Steeles Avenue East Road reconstruction project completed in 2024, curb radii reductions were installed at several intersections to improve pedestrian safety and reduce vehicle turning speeds.

Since the installation of these measures, residents have raised concerns regarding the ability of larger vehicles, including school buses and waste collection trucks, to safely complete turns from Steeles Avenue East onto local streets. Reports indicate that some vehicles may be mounting the curb while turning, creating potential safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists.

A review by Transportation Services will help determine whether the curb radii reductions are functioning as intended, meeting applicable City standards, and providing the desired safety benefits while accommodating the operational needs of larger vehicles.

Recommendations:

1. North York Community Council direct the General Manager of Transportation Services to review the curb radii reductions installed as part of the Steeles Avenue East road reconstruction project at the intersections of Old English Lane, Tarbert Road, Olive Villa Court, Laureleaf Road, Canadiana Drive, Bestview Drive, Fairway Heights, Bluffwood Drive, Aspenwood Drive, Edgar Woods Road, and Townsend Road, and report back to North York Community Council in the first quarter of 2027 on:
 1. whether the curb radii reductions are operating safely and in accordance with City standards and design objectives;
 2. any observed impacts on the ability of large vehicles, including school buses, waste collection vehicles, and emergency vehicles, to safely navigate these intersections;
 3. any collision, operational, or maintenance issues identified since installation; and
 4. any recommended modifications required to improve flow, safety and accessibility for all road users.

Sincerely,

Councillor Shelley Carroll
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