

Date: July 8, 2026

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Pharmacy Avenue and Stamford Square South/Rosita Crescent - Traffic Control Signals (Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 20 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the July 9, 2026, Scarborough Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Pharmacy Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

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. *City Council authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Pharmacy Avenue and Stamford Square South/Rosita Crescent.*

Transportation Services were requested to evaluate the intersection of Pharmacy Avenue and Stamford Square South/Rosita Crescent for a controlled crossing. The Councillor's office has reported it is a significant safety concern for the community, and there have been previous collisions reported. Currently, this intersection is stop-controlled for east-west traffic on Stamford Square South/Rosita Crescent, while the north-south approaches on Pharmacy Avenue operate under free-flow conditions.

Based on the review undertaken, Transportation Services is recommending that traffic control signals be installed at the intersection of Pharmacy Avenue and Stamford Square South/Rosita Crescent. The traffic control signals will provide enhanced safety for all road users and is justified based on the assessment undertaken.

Turning movement counts (March 2026) and a review of the three-year collision history were undertaken as part of the assessment. The results indicate that while the volume and delay warrants are well below the required thresholds (18% compliance for the minimum vehicular volume warrant, 15% compliance for the delay to cross traffic warrant), the collision hazard warrant is fully satisfied, indicating a history of collisions considered potentially preventable through the installation of traffic control signals.

In addition, staff considered the surrounding conditions, including the spacing between existing signalized crossings, pedestrian activity generated by nearby land uses and transit stops, and the challenges associated with crossing a multi-lane arterial roadway. Based on the collision history and these site-specific considerations, including the four-lane cross section and the presence of transit stops in both directions on Pharmacy Avenue, the installation of traffic control signals is recommended to improve safety for all road users and provide a protected crossing opportunity for pedestrians.

Further details on the intersection control, including the type of signal (full or intersection pedestrian signals) and the locations of the existing TTC stops, will be determined during the detail design stage.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendation above will be approximately \$250,000.00. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Capital Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by Scarborough Community Council.

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