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U-TURN AND LEFT TURN RESTRICTIONS BATHURST STREET TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, June 1, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The existing northbound “Left Turn” prohibition, anytime, at the intersection of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) and Weldrick Road, in the Town of Richmond Hill be rescinded.
2. The existing northbound “Left Turn” prohibition, anytime, at the driveway on the west side of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) centred on a point approximately 30 metres north of the centreline of Weldrick Road, in the Town of Richmond Hill be rescinded.
3. The existing eastbound “Left Turn” prohibition, anytime, at the driveway on the west side of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) centred on a point approximately 30 metres north of the centreline of Weldrick Road, in the Town of Richmond Hill be rescinded.
4. The existing northbound “U-Turn” prohibition, anytime, on Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38), between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road, in the Town of Richmond Hill be rescinded.
5. The existing southbound “U-Turn” prohibition, anytime, on Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38), between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road, in the Town of Richmond Hill be rescinded.
6. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
7. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to rescind the existing “U-Turn” and “Left Turn” prohibitions on Bathurst Street, between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road in the Town of Richmond Hill. A copy of the location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*.

3. BACKGROUND

The existing “U-Turn” and “Left Turn” prohibitions on Bathurst Street, between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road were implemented as a result of motorists making unsafe left turns and U-turns to access the North York Montessori School entrance that was located approximately 30 metres north of Weldrick Road.

The school entrance was separated by a centre median island and was only accessible by southbound motorists.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

In 2005, the North York Montessori School closed and the property is currently in the process of being redeveloped into a residential subdivision.

The North York Montessori School entrance has been permanently closed by the developer and a new street (Federation Parkway) leading into the subdivision has been reconstructed opposite to Weldrick Road eliminating the need for the existing “U-Turn” and “Left Turn” prohibitions on Bathurst Street, between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the necessary sign removals are included within the 2006 Business Plan and Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The rescinding of the existing “U-Turn” and “Left Turn” prohibitions on Bathurst Street, between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road are the result of the North York Montessori School closure and the access closure.

Town of Richmond Hill staff have been notified of the recommendations set out in this report and have no objections.

7. CONCLUSION

The existing “U-Turn” and “Left Turn” prohibitions on Bathurst Street, between the south limit of Shaw Boulevard and the north limit of Pemberton Road, in the Town of

Richmond Hill be rescinded as a result of the North York Montessori School closure and the access closure.

The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the rescinded by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 14, 2006 Committee meeting.)