

Clause 6 in Report No. 12 of Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on September 21, 2017.

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Right Turn on Red Restrictions at Signalized Intersections

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report dated August 11, 2017 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. Council delegate authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services to implement right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections under the Region's jurisdiction to address turning vehicle conflicts or visibility concerns.
2. Council delegate authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services to remove right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections under the Region's jurisdiction where, in the opinion of the Commissioner, they are no longer required.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw.

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Report dated August 11, 2017 from the Commissioner of Transportation Services now follows:

1. Recommendations

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## Right Turn on Red Restrictions at Signalized Intersections

### 2. Purpose

This report recommends Council delegate authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services to implement right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections to address conflicts with right turning movements and visibility concerns and to remove right turn on red restrictions where they are no longer required.

### 3. Background

The *Municipal Act, 2001* permits delegation of certain powers and duties of Council, subject to conditions

Section 23.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits municipalities to delegate their powers and duties subject to certain restrictions, depending on the nature and scope of the delegation. A delegation may be made to members of Council, committees, individuals appointed by Council or Regional staff and may be subject to conditions that Council considers appropriate. In 2015, under this provision, Council delegated authority to the Commissioner of Transportation Services to implement load restrictions on Regional roads, thereby eliminating the need for reports to Council in each case. The Regional Clerk was authorized to maintain an official record of the Commissioner's decisions.

### 4. Analysis and Implications

A right turn on red restriction at a signalized intersection may be required to improve traffic operations and safety for all travellers

Traffic restrictions can be inconvenient and impact the flow of traffic. Typically, the Region avoids implementing new turning and vehicle-type restrictions on its road system, except those required to improve traffic operations and traveller safety.

Right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections improve traffic operations for all travellers. They can be beneficial to address reduced visibility, potential conflicts between right-turning traffic and pedestrians and to improve operations and safety.

## Right Turn on Red Restrictions at Signalized Intersections

Right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections would only be applied to address turning vehicle conflicts or visibility concerns

A right turn on red restriction at a signalized intersection under the Region's jurisdiction would only be applied to address turning vehicle conflicts or visibility concerns. Should a restriction no longer be required, it would be removed.

There are currently 10 right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections in the Regional road network. Attachment 1 is a map showing these locations.

Delegated authority is requested to implement or remove right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections

To improve traffic operations and safety on Regional roads, delegated authority is requested for the Commissioner of Transportation Services, to implement and remove right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections under Regional jurisdiction as required. This would improve efficiency and timeliness for travellers as it avoids the reporting requirement to seek Council approval to implement right turn on red restrictions for individual signalized intersections. Enactment of a bylaw providing for the delegation and setting out the criteria to be applied is required.

To ensure appropriate records are maintained, it is recommended that the Commissioner formally advise the Regional Clerk of any decisions made under the delegated authority and that the Clerk be directed to notify York Regional Police of any amendments to right turn on red restrictions.

Promoting safety on the Regional road network supports Vision 2051

This report supports Vision 2051 by responding to the needs of our residents and promoting safety on York Region roads through effective policing, education and sensitive design.

### 5. Financial Considerations

Costs to implement or remove right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections will be included as needed in annual Transportation Services Operating Budgets.

## Right Turn on Red Restrictions at Signalized Intersections

### 6. Local Municipal Impact

Local municipal staff will be consulted on a case by case basis when considering implementing or removing right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections under the Region's jurisdiction.

### 7. Conclusion

Regional roads accommodate all road users, including motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections are implemented to address turning vehicle conflicts or visibility concerns as required to improve traffic operations and safety on Regional roads.

As permitted under the *Municipal Act, 2001* Council may delegate certain powers and duties to Regional staff to promote efficiencies in managing daily business.

Delegated authority is requested for the Commissioner of Transportation Services to implement right turn on red restrictions at signalized intersections to address turning vehicle conflicts or visibility to improve traffic operations and safety for all travellers or remove a restriction that is no longer required. It is recommended that the Commissioner formally advise the Regional Clerk of any decisions made under this delegated authority and that York Regional Police are duly notified.

For more information on this report, please contact Joseph Petrunaro, Director, Roads and Traffic Operations, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

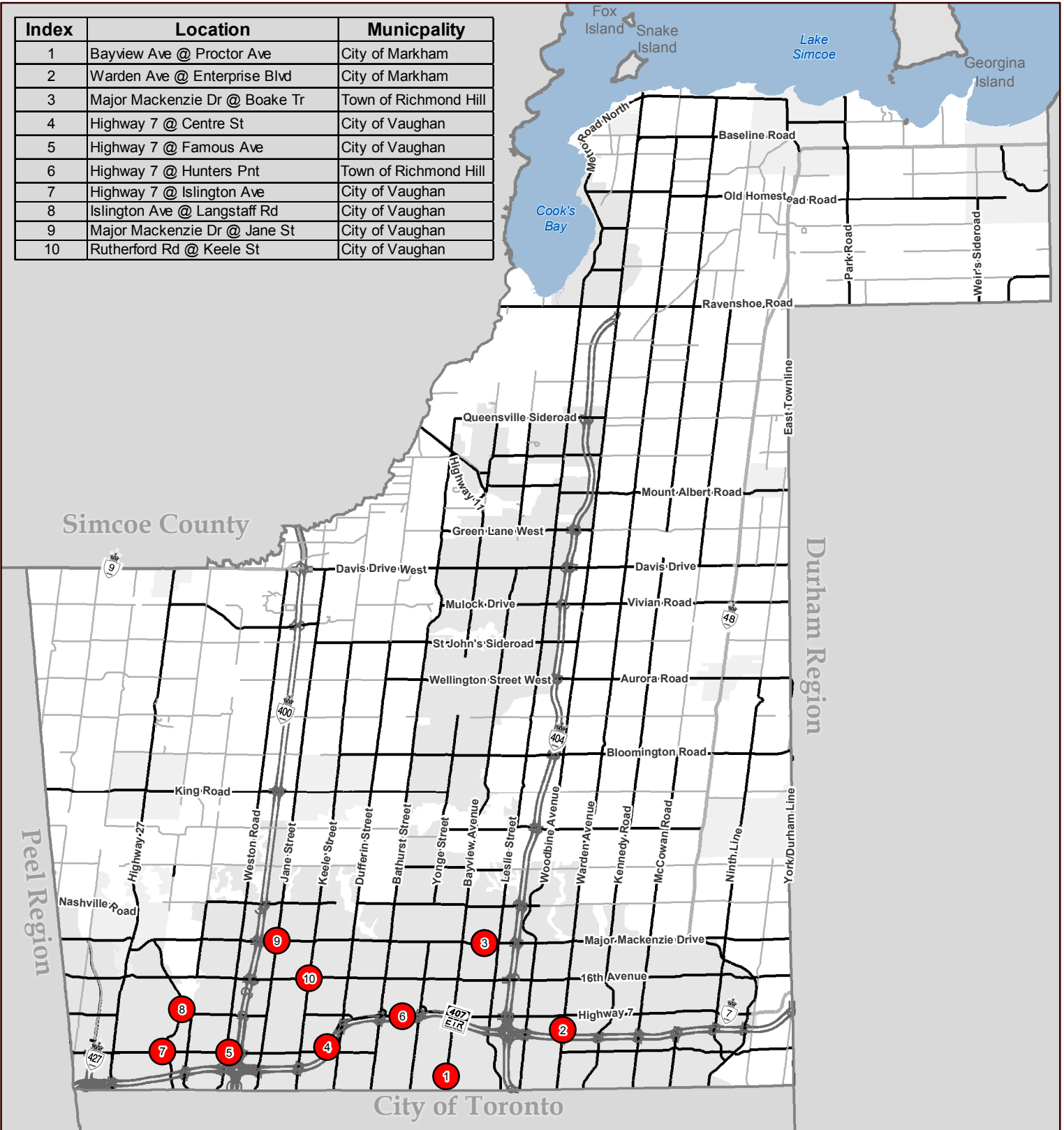
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Attachment (1)

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Index	Location	Municipality
1	Bayview Ave @ Proctor Ave	City of Markham
2	Warden Ave @ Enterprise Blvd	City of Markham
3	Major Mackenzie Dr @ Boake Tr	Town of Richmond Hill
4	Highway 7 @ Centre St	City of Vaughan
5	Highway 7 @ Famous Ave	City of Vaughan
6	Highway 7 @ Hunters Pnt	Town of Richmond Hill
7	Highway 7 @ Islington Ave	City of Vaughan
8	Islington Ave @ Langstaff Rd	City of Vaughan
9	Major Mackenzie Dr @ Jane St	City of Vaughan
10	Rutherford Rd @ Keele St	City of Vaughan



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## Existing Right Turn on Red Restriction Locations

### Right Turn on Red Restrictions at Signalized Intersections September 7, 2017

#### Legend

- RTOR Restrictions
- Rural Road
- Regional Road
- Provincial Highway
- Freeway

