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Smith Veterinary Hospital Situation

- SVH in the community since 1964
- provide a vital service to residents in the Town of Markham: education on diseases, wellness programs
- new “no left turn” sign erected for traffic avoidance turning onto Highland between 6:30am-9am and “no right turn” sign onto Yonge St. N. between 4pm-7pm
- contrary to June 20, 2005 “Thornhill Vehicular Infiltration – Proposed Traffic Improvements” and minutes from subsequent meeting, SVH not consulted or contacted regarding this change





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- safety is a concern for everyone in the community
- 60-65% of our clients live north west of our hospital
- ~ 50-70 clients / day visit SVH
~10-20 clients seen 6:30am-9am
& ~25-30 clients seen 4pm-7pm
- 1995 study (Knapp) asked why people visit a practice; about 60 percent of the respondents said "location"
- competition on Yonge St. north of the clinic may be more enticing to SVH clients affected by the change





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Impact - Business

- primary impact: potential loss of business estimated to be > \$250,000
- limits customer egress
- customers ticketed for patronizing business
- worst case – business closures





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Impact - Safety

- new traffic would now pass by 18 residential houses on Highland Park and 2 houses on Dudley Ave. Estimate: 35 cars from SVH and an unknown number of traffic from bank and other businesses
- increased risk of accidents due to major intersection turns required (Steeles Ave), additional turns required (3 versus 1), and cutting-through the Esso parking lot

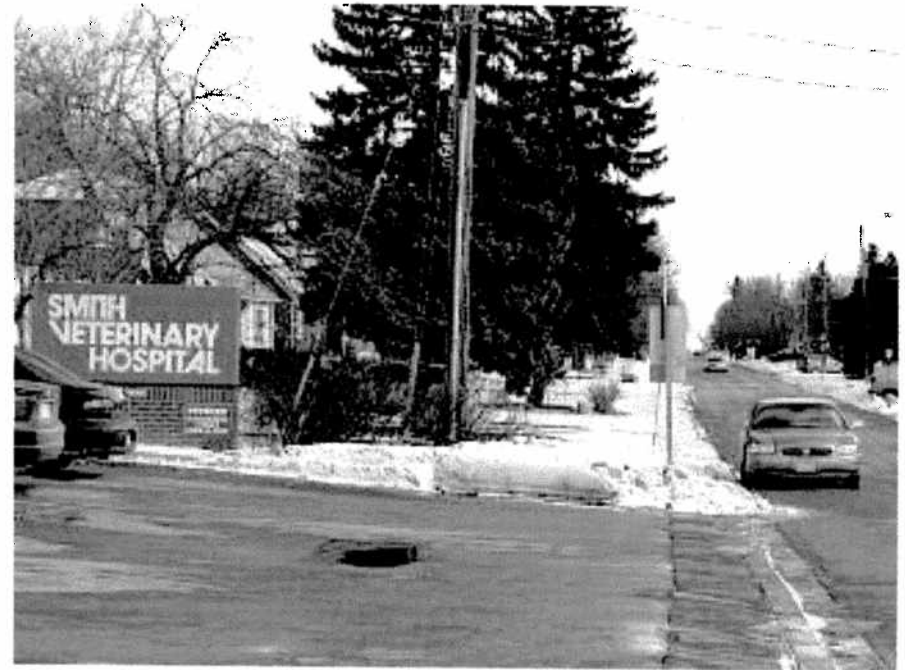


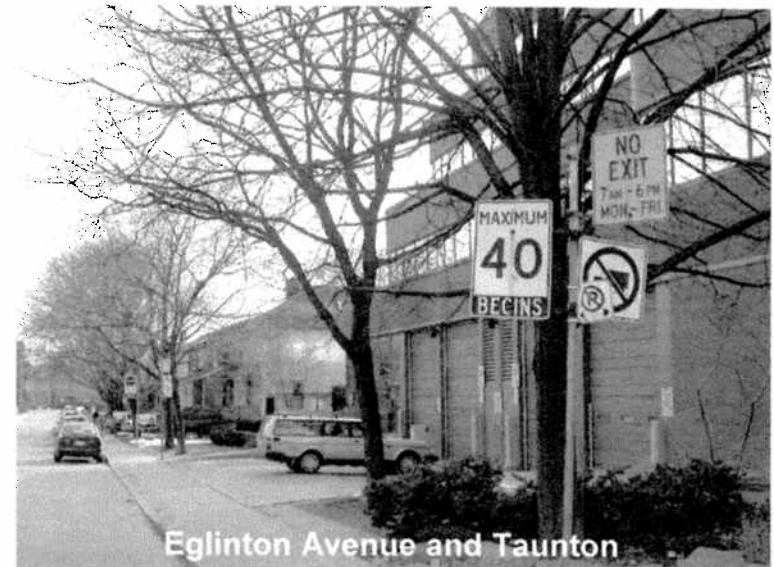
Photo taken standing on Yonge St.



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Request & Recommendations

1. remove sign and post “No through traffic”
 - may increase property value
2. remove sign and post “No exit” 50 metres east of Yonge St.
 - used successfully in City of Toronto on Taunton Road in the Mount Pleasant Road and Eglinton Avenue area
3. create deterrents: rumble strips, speed bumps, additional stop signs
4. make exceptions for SVH clients to allow them to turn left, and minimize additional risk to residential homes





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5. add "local business excepted" to existing sign
6. post "no entry 6:30am-9:00am" at Highland Park east of Dudley
7. post "no right turn 6:30am-9:00am" at Highland Park and Willowdale Rd. & "no left turn 4pm-7pm" onto westbound Highland Park from Dudley



Taunton Road



Thank you for your time.

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