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**STAFF REPORT: Infrastructure and Public Works**



**REPORT TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**MEETING DATE:** May 16, 2016  
**REPORT NO.:** CSPW.16.073  
**SUBJECT:** Prohibit Left Hand Turn Movements from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South  
**PREPARED BY:** Mike Humphries, Engineering Design Technologist

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.16.073 entitled, “Prohibit Left Hand Turn Movements from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South”;

AND THAT Council enact a By-law to prohibit left hand turning movements from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South.

**B. Background**

The recent construction and opening of the Thornbury Square consisting of Foodland and LCBO stores has modified the traffic patterns in the area, particularly at the intersection of Beaver Street South and Victoria Street South.

The existing Beaver Street South and Victoria Street South intersection has always been at an acute angle and does not meet best practice guidelines for an all movement intersection. During the design phase it was identified that a No Right Turn restriction from Beaver Street South to Victoria Street South was warranted. Now that the traffic patterns resulting from the opening of Thornbury Square can be observed, it has become evident that a No Left Turn restriction from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street should be enacted. Drivers when making this movement are routinely moving into the oncoming lane of traffic. A map of the intersection showing the approximate location of the “No Left Turn” associated signage is included as Attachment #1.

Consideration was also given to signage to direct traffic from and to Victoria Street South along Louisa Street. Staff’s opinion is that directional signage isn’t necessary. It is Town practice to not provide directional signage to businesses within the road allowance. Signage in this instance will be precedent setting. It is felt as well that residents, once familiar with the Thornbury Square site, will find an optimal route for them. Visitors new to Thornbury will likely not approach the intersection from the south.

Staff recommend that Council enact a By-law to prohibit left hand turning movements from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South in a form similar to that provided as Attachment #2.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

Goal #5 - Ensure that our infrastructure is sustainable

**D. Environmental Impacts**

None.

**E. Financial Impact**

The costs associated with the preparation and erection of the signage is estimated at less than \$1,000. This cost will be absorbed in the 2016 Roads and Drainage Operations Budget.

**F. In Consultation With**

Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage

John Metras, Town Solicitor

**G. Attached**

1. Location Map of Victoria and Beaver Streets Intersection
2. Draft By-law to Prohibit Left Hand Turning Movements from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South

Respectfully submitted,

**Mike Humphries**

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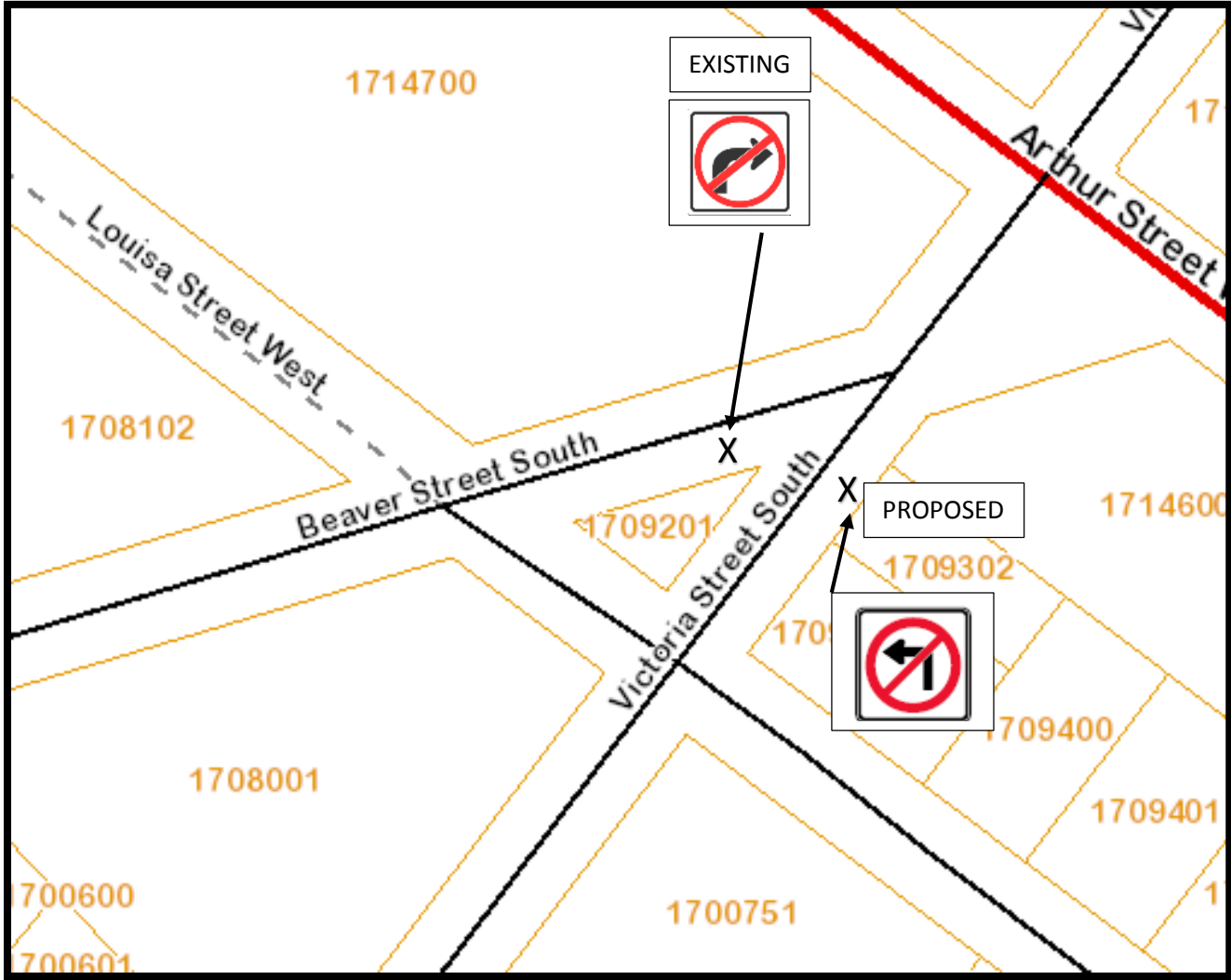
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2016 –**

**Being a By-law to Prohibit Left Hand Turning Movements from  
Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South**

WHEREAS section 11(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, and the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, chapter H.B. RSO. 1990 authorizes Councils of municipalities to pass by-laws for the regulation of traffic on highways;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient by Council to restrict the left turning movement of motor vehicles from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South in the Town of The Blue Mountains;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains enacts as follows:

1. THAT left turn vehicle movements are prohibited from Victoria Street South to Beaver Street South.
2. THAT any person who contravenes the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.
3. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon passing of the By-law and installation of the applicable signage.

ENACTED AND PASSED THIS DAY        OF        , 2016.

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John McKean, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Clerk