

**10. FORD ROAD/OPAWA ROAD/RICHARDSON TERRACE
GIVE WAY/STOP CONTROLS**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval to change an existing “Give Way” control to a “Stop” control on Ford Road at its intersection with Opawa Road.

Concern has been expressed regarding the existing traffic controls at the intersection of Ford Road/Opawa Road/Richardson Terrace. Currently this cross intersection is controlled by a “Give Way” sign on Ford Road and a “Stop” sign on Richardson Terrace. This causes confusion when a vehicle is at each control at the same time. Each motorist believes the opposing vehicle is controlled by the same control they are, but this is not the case and conflict occurs as to who should yield to who.

A solution to this problem is to change the existing “Give Way” control on Ford Road to a “Stop” control. This will mean that vehicles on both Ford Road and Richardson Terrace will have equal rights-of-way over each other. The rationale behind making the control on Ford Road a “Stop” control is that to make the controls the same, it must take the more stringent control than Richardson Terrace has. The visibility on Richardson Terrace to the right qualifies this approach for a “Stop” control over a “Give Way” control. Few of these mixed intersection controls exist within the city, and are now being rationalised to solve the problem of confusion encountered by motorists.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the existing “Give Way” control against Ford Road at its intersection with Opawa Road be revoked.
 2. That a “Stop” control be placed against Ford Road at its intersection with Opawa Road.