

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

May 30, 2006

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Infrastructure Management

Subject: Cosburn Avenue, south side, from Coxwell Avenue to east of Fairside Avenue – Prohibition of Parking.
(Beaches-East York, Ward 31)

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to prohibit parking on the south side of Cosburn Avenue, from Coxwell Avenue to east of Fairside Avenue to help resolve concerns with traffic operations at the Coxwell intersection and the driveway entrances to East York Collegiate Institute.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Funds to undertake the necessary signage and pavement marking adjustments in the estimated amount of \$2,500.00 are provided for within the Transportation Services Division 2006 Capital Budget in the Cycling Infrastructure Account CTP 806-05.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) parking and bicycle lane regulations be amended in order that parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of Cosburn Avenue from Coxwell Avenue to east of Fairside Avenue, as detailed in Appendix A of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

Background

City Council, on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004, amended and adopted Clause No. 31 of Report No. 7 of the Toronto and East York Community Council, which approved the installation of bicycle lanes on Cosburn Avenue, from Broadview Avenue to Oak Park Avenue. Since the installation of the bicycle lanes, Transportation Services staff have been monitoring the impacts on traffic operations on Cosburn Avenue.

Comments:

Councillor Janet Davis has requested Transportation Services staff to investigate opportunities to improve traffic operations at the Cosburn Avenue and Coxwell Avenue intersection and the associated issues at the driveway entrances to East York Collegiate Institute.

Cosburn Avenue is classified as a minor arterial roadway operating two-way in an east/west direction with one-lane in each direction and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Bicycle lanes are delineated on this street. Parking is allowed at all times on the south side of Cosburn Avenue east of Coxwell Avenue.

Restriping Cosburn Avenue to accommodate the bicycle lanes has resulted in increased congestion in front of East York Collegiate Institute during the morning peak period, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., when students are dropped off at the school on Cosburn Avenue and TTC buses discharge large numbers of students. Prohibiting parking in the vicinity of the school will provide the opportunity for a painted centre median which would allow eastbound left turns into East York Collegiate Institute as well as westbound left turns from Cosburn Avenue onto Fairside Avenue. By implementing these changes, the left turns would not impede the flow of through traffic and traffic operations at this location should improve. This proposed change will result in the loss of eight on-street parking spaces, three immediately west of Fairside Avenue and five immediately east of Fairside Avenue. Parking usage surveys have shown that parking is substantially underutilized on the south side of Cosburn Avenue east of Fairside Avenue. Staff will monitor the impacts of the proposed changes following implementation.

In conjunction with the changes in parking, a pick-up/drop-off zone will also be established on the east side of Coxwell Avenue, adjacent to the school. Appropriate signage will be installed from Cosburn Avenue to Plains Road to encourage pick-up/drop-off activity in this area. This should help alleviate any traffic operations issues associated with pick-up/drop-off activity on Cosburn Avenue by transferring this activity to Coxwell Avenue.

The proposed changes have been developed in consultation with Councillor Janet Davis.

Conclusions:

In order to help resolve traffic operations issues on Cosburn Avenue at the Coxwell Avenue intersection and in the vicinity of the driveway entrances to East York Collegiate Institute, parking could be prohibited at all times on the south side of Cosburn Avenue, from Coxwell Avenue to a point 47 metres east of Fairside Avenue.

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List of Attachment:

- (1) Appendix A – Parking and Bicycle Lane By-law Amendments
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-8316 dated April 2006 (te06006tim.draw 421F8316)

Appendix A
Parking and Bicycle Lane By-law Amendments

1. Delete the following:

No Stopping

Column 1 Road	Column 2 Side	Column 3 Between	Column 4 Prohibited Times and Days
Cosburn Avenue	South	Roosevelt Road and a point 52 metres east of Coxwell Avenue	Anytime

2. Add the following:

No Stopping

Column 1 Road	Column 2 Side	Column 3 Between	Column 4 Prohibited Times and Days
Cosburn Avenue	South	Roosevelt Road and a point 47 metres east of Fairside Avenue	Anytime

3. Delete the following:

Bicycle Lanes

Highway	Side and Location	Between
Cosburn Avenue	South, adjacent to the curb lane used for parking	Coxwell Avenue and Woodbine Avenue

2. Add the following:

Bicycle Lanes

Highway	Side and Location	Between
Cosburn Avenue	South , adjacent to the curb	Coxwell Avenue and Fairside Avenue
Cosburn Avenue	South, adjacent to the curb lane used for parking	Fairside Avenue and Woodbine Avenue