



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Feasibility of Long Term Parking on Linton Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	December 22, 2006
<b>To:</b>	Chairman and Members of Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 36 - Scarborough Southwest</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc07016 D05-428 Linton

#### **SUMMARY**

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This report provides the results of parking studies performed on Linton Avenue.

Since the majority of residents of Linton Avenue appear to have adequate access to off-street parking by means of private driveways and garages, no changes to the existing parking regulations are proposed at this time.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that:**

1. No changes to the existing parking regulations on Linton Avenue be considered at this time.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications if Council agrees with the staff recommendation.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

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## **DECISION HISTORY**

Further to a request from City Councillor Brian Ashton, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of implementing long term parking on Linton Avenue.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Implementation of residential on-street parking is an issue that is usually controversial. In areas where on-street parking is in demand, the requests for long term parking/parking permits are frequent. Disputes over on-street parking often result in complaints to Toronto Police Services/Parking Enforcement.

## **COMMENTS**

Several factors involving the parking considerations on Linton Avenue include:

- This is a two-lane east-west local road just south of Gerrard Street between Victoria Park Avenue and Blantyre Avenue.
- Parking on Linton Avenue is presently permitted for a maximum of three hours, this is referred to as “default parking” and is in effect on many roadways within the Scarborough community and throughout the City.
- The default parking regulation is typically enforced on a complaint basis only.
- Requests for long-term parking are considered only when there is a lack of off-street parking for area residents.

### **Parking Observations**

Transportation Services staff conducted an on-street parking study during a typical weekday at different times of the day to determine whether there is a demonstrated demand for on-street parking coupled with a corresponding lack of off-street parking facilities (i.e. driveways, garages). Study results revealed that, although the majority of homes have at least one driveway space, a number of resident’s parked on-street throughout the day and overnight on this roadway. In most cases, driveways were often not utilized.

It should be noted, that if long term parking were permitted, more residents, including residents from adjoining streets, may also be encouraged to park on Linton Avenue.

In view of our study results, there is no technical justification for the implementation of long term parking on this roadway. It is important to note that the same technical feasibility review is applied for 12-hour parking and Permit parking. In recent discussions at Scarborough Community Council, the issue of allowing long-term on-street parking for convenience reasons received a majority negative response.

In addition, in order to facilitate snow clearing and road maintenance activities, it would be necessary to prohibit parking at all times on one side of Linton Avenue, which would impact residents who presently park or have visitors park for short durations in front of their homes.

Residents of Linton Avenue appear to have adequate access to off-street parking by means of private driveways and garages. The majority of the existing long-term parking demand on Linton Avenue appears to be convenience related. Accordingly, permitting long duration parking on Linton Avenue is not technically justifiable

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Plan – (Linton Avenue)