



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed Metered Parking on Both Sides of Ashtonbee Road between Pharmacy Avenue and Lebovic Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	June 11, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc07041 D07-802 Metered Parking Ashtonbee Pharmacy to Lebovic

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

As a result of a request from the Toronto Parking Authority to provide metered parking along Ashtonbee Road near Wexford Park, Transportation Services is seeking approval to install on-street Metered Parking using “Pay and Display” Parking Machines on both sides of Ashtonbee Road between Pharmacy Avenue and Lebovic Avenue. This is aimed at providing on-street parking for patrons of Wexford Park while maintaining safe and efficient traffic access to the retail properties located on the south side of Ashtonbee Road.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the “No Parking” regulation, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the “No Parking” and “No Stopping” regulation, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. Enact the amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 910, “Parking Machines”, as identified in Appendix 3 of this report.
4. Amend the appropriate by-laws.

## **Financial Impact**

The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the funding required for the installation of new pay and display machines on Ashtonbee Road, including changes to the associated signing is available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2007 parking machine installation program.

The estimated cost of the required parking and stopping regulations signing modifications not directly related to the pay and display machines on Ashtonbee Road is \$2,200.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services 2007 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0226.

The estimated cost of the required pavement marking changes is \$45,000.00. the funding for these markings is available in the Transportation Services 2007 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0227.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Further to a request approved by the Toronto Parking Authority Board, in consultation with ward Councillor Michael Thompson, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of installing parking machines on Ashtonbee Road between Pharmacy Avenue and Lebovic Avenue. Specifically, the local Councillor expressed concerns about the lack of metered on-street parking for the patrons of Wexford Park located on the north side of Ashtonbee Road.

Metered Parking or Pay and Display parking machines are installed by the Toronto Parking Authority, subject to endorsement by Traffic Operations staff and adopted by City Council. In conjunction with the review, a proposed lane marking plan was developed in order to maintain appropriate traffic control

## **COMMENTS**

### **Roadway Characteristics**

Several characteristics describe the subject portion of Ashtonbee Road, including:

- Land uses on Ashtonbee Road between Pharmacy Avenue and Lebovic Avenue consist of Wexford Park and Centennial College on the north side and large format retail development on the south side with multiple driveways for parking and loading;
- Ashtonbee Road is classified a collector roadway, carrying approximately 6,400 vehicles per day (vpd);
- This portion of Ashtonbee Road is approximately 13 metres wide and is currently marked as a two-lane east-west road with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour; and
- The intersection of Pharmacy Avenue and Ashtonbee Road is signalized. In addition, the newly formed intersection of Ashtonbee Road and Lebovic Avenue will be signalized in the near future.

Parking regulations on Ashtonbee Road, from Pharmacy Avenue to Lebovic Avenue are as follows:

- Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the north side of Ashtonbee Road;
- Parking is currently prohibited between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday on the south side of Ashtonbee Road.

## **Investigation**

The recent redevelopment of retail facilities on Eglinton Avenue East northward to Ashtonbee Road has significantly changed traffic patterns in the area. Specifically, heavy trucks now use Ashtonbee Road to gain access to the rear loading docks of these large retail outlets, and dedicated westbound left-turn lanes into these facilities are recommended. In addition, a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is recommended for the south side of Ashtonbee Road from Pharmacy Avenue to approximately 300 metres east thereof in order to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow.

The “Pay and Display” metered parking is recommended on the entire north side of Ashtonbee Road between Pharmacy Road and Lebovic Avenue. However, metered parking can only be provide for small sections on the south side of Ashtonbee Road in proximity to Lebovic Avenue due to the need to accommodate through traffic and access to abutting properties.

The Toronto Parking Authority, in consultation with the local Councillor, recommends that the hours of revenue operation be 8:00am to 9:00pm daily at a rate of \$1.50 per hour up to a maximum of three hours. Approximately seventy (70) on-street parking spaces will be created by this proposal.

## **Impacts**

There will be minimal impact on the level of service provided for motorists on Ashtonbee Road. However, with the advent of a parking charge, some motorists may avoid parking on-street and may choose to use the retail parking lots on the south side of Ashtonbee Road. Also, in the fullness of time, Ashtonbee Road has been planned to accommodate a widening to a four-lane cross-section as redevelopment in the area occurs in order to provide sufficient roadway capacity, which may require the future removal or reconfiguration of on-street parking spaces.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Appendix 3 – By-law Amendment (enact)
4. Location Plan (Proposed Lane Markings– Ashtonbee Road, Pharmacy Avenue to Lebovic Avenue)

## Appendix 1

### “No Parking” Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Ashtonbee Road	North	Pharmacy Avenue	Warden Avenue	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	South	Warden Avenue	300 metres further West	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	South	300 metres west of Warden Avenue	Pharmacy Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday

## Appendix 2

### “No Parking” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Ashtonbee Road	South	Lebovic Avenue	Warden Avenue	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	North	Lebovic Avenue	Warden Avenue	Anytime

### “No Stopping” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Ashtonbee Road	North	Pharmacy Avenue	80 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	North	177 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	26.5 metres further East	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	North	230 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	25 metres further East	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	North	479.5 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	45 metres further East	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	South	Pharmacy Avenue	274.7 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	South	306.7 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	88.3 metres further East	Anytime
Ashtonbee Road	South	466 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue	Lebovic Avenue	Anytime

### Appendix 3

#### “City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 910, Parking Machines, Respecting Ashtonbee Road” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) Between	(In Column 4) Hours Daily As Indicated	(In Column 5) Fee/Time Limit	(In Column 6) Maximum Parking
Ashtonbee Road	North	A point 80 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue to 97 metres further east	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Daily	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours
Ashtonbee Road	North	A point 203.5 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue to 26.5 metres further east	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Daily	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours
Ashtonbee Road	North	A point 255 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue to 224.5 metres further east	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Daily	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours
Ashtonbee Road	South	A point 274.7 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue to 32 metres further east	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Daily	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours
Ashtonbee Road	South	A point 395 metres east of Pharmacy Avenue to 71 metres further east	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Daily	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours