

Proposed Parking Regulations on the South Side of Cass Avenue east of Warden Avenue

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 40 – Scarborough-Agincourt
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc07043 D07-688 Parking Prohibition on Cass Avenue

SUMMARY

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

This report responds to a concern about parking along Cass Avenue, east of Warden Avenue, in the area of a curve. Staff reviewed this road section during a typical weekday and recorded a number of vehicles parked in the curve area, which is a traffic concern.

It is recommended that “No Parking Anytime” signs be installed on the south side of Cass Avenue from 106 metres east of Warden Avenue to a point 35 metres further east. This will assist motorists in travelling safely through the curve, and increase sightlines of motorists exiting from the townhouse driveway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Adopt the “No Parking” regulation, as identified in the Appendix 1 of this report, and
2. Amend the appropriate by-law accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$250.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2007 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0226.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern about a parking problem from an area resident and raised by Councillor Norm Kelly, Transportation Services staff investigated the parking situation on Cass Avenue east of Warden Avenue. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns that when vehicles were parked in the curve area, motorists had difficulty navigating through the area and also reduced the visibility on Cass Avenue, resulting in a safety hazard.

Parking prohibitions in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an “as needed basis”.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Cass Avenue include:

- The land use on Cass Avenue in the vicinity of the curve consists of townhouse residential development on both the north and south sides, extending to detached single family residential.
- This portion of Cass Avenue is a two-lane east-west collector road with a signed speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour.
- Three hour parking (default) is currently permitted on the south side of Cass Avenue.
- Parking is prohibited on the north side of Cass Avenue (in the curve area) from Warden Avenue to Aragon Avenue.

A parking study was conducted on the subject section of Cass Avenue at various times of the day during a typical weekday. The results of this staff study showed that the majority of parking in the curve area occurred during evening and early morning periods and amounted to 4 or 5 vehicles at the most. Parked vehicles in this area could affect motorist visibility, causing a potential safety hazard.

We anticipate that the parking prohibition on a relatively small area (approximately 35 metres in length) on Cass Avenue would have a minimal negative impact for local residents. Therefore, to improve traffic safety in this area, it would be prudent to prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Cass Avenue east of Warden Avenue.

Cass Avenue is classified as a collector in the City's approved Road Classification System; as such, the authority to implement the proposed parking regulation has been delegated to Scarborough Community Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (enact)
2. Location Plan (Proposed Parking Prohibition – Cass Avenue, south side east of Warden Avenue)

Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

<u>Column 1</u> <u>Highway</u>	<u>Column 2</u> <u>Side</u>	<u>Column 3</u> <u>From</u>	<u>Column 4</u> <u>To</u>	<u>Column 5</u> <u>Times or Days</u>
Cass Avenue	South	105 metres east of Warden Avenue	a point 35 metres further east	Anytime