



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Summerhill Avenue, between Maclellan Avenue and Jean Street – parking regulations

Date:	January 29, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting Council’s authority to prohibit parking on the north side of Summerhill Avenue at all times on either side of the driveway that leads to the Summerhill Marketplace (446 Summerhill Avenue) parking lot.

Prohibiting parking on either side of the Summerhill Marketplace driveway should improve obstructed sight lines for motorists exiting the parking lot onto Summerhill Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council:

1. rescind the “One hour maximum parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday” on the north side of Summerhill Avenue between Jean Street and Maclellan Avenue;
2. allow parking for a maximum period of one hour, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on the north side of Summerhill Avenue from Jean Street to a point 120.7 metres west;
3. allow parking for a maximum period of one hour, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on the north side of Summerhill Avenue from 148.2 metres west of Jean Street to Maclellan Avenue; and
4. prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Summerhill Avenue from 120.7 metres west of Jean Street to 27.5 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$600

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Kyle Rae, on behalf of the Summerhill Marketplace, Transportation Services reviewed whether parking could be prohibited at all times on either side of the driveway leading to the Summerhill Marketplace parking lot, in order to help improve sight lines for motorists exiting the lot.

COMMENTS

Roadway Characteristics

Summerhill Avenue, from Jean Street to Maclellan Avenue:

- is classified as a collector road;
- has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 meters;
- has two-way traffic flow; and
- has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h.

For the most part, on this section of Summerhill Avenue, residential garages occupy the south side of the street. Various businesses, including the Summerhill Marketplace, occupy the north side of the street.

Parking Regulations

The following parking regulations are in effect.

South Side:

- Stopping is prohibited at all times.

West Side:

- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one hour from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times.

Investigative Findings

This section of Summerhill Avenue can become fairly congested at times. The Summerhill Marketplace and the other businesses present on this section of Summerhill Avenue generate a lot of activity, and the potential for vehicular/pedestrian conflicts.

In particular, vehicles parked at the driveway to the Summerhill Marketplace parking lot obstruct exiting motorists' view of oncoming motorists and pedestrians. In order to improve sight lines at this location, we must restrict parking on both sides of the driveway. There would be a loss of approximately two parking spaces as a result. While the loss of parking in this instance might be an inconvenience, the enhancement to overall operational safety should take precedence.

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