

## **Rosedale Valley Road, north of Aylmer Avenue - proposed sidewalk**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07058te.top.doc

### **SUMMARY**

Transportation Services is requesting Council's authority to narrow a section along the east side of Rosedale Valley Road by 1.6 metres to construct a sidewalk. The narrowing will require us to prohibit parking on this section of the street.

The installation of a sidewalk on the east side of Rosedale Valley Road will provide a safe pedestrian refuge, linking the existing sidewalk on Aylmer Avenue to the Rosedale Ravine Lands located at the end of this section of Rosedale Valley Road.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Transportation Services recommends that Council:**

1. approve narrowing the pavement of Rosedale Valley Road from Aylmer Avenue to the north end of the street for the purpose of installing a 1.6 metre wide sidewalk as follows:  
  
"by narrowing ROSEDALE VALLEY ROAD, between ALYMER AVENUE and the NORTH END generally as shown in the attached print of Drawing Nos. 421P-0016, 421P-0010, 421P-0010a, 421P-0010b (dated October, 2006)".
2. rescind the "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Rosedale Valley Road (East Roadway, north from Severn Street);
3. rescind the "Two-hour maximum parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday" regulation on the west side of Rosedale Valley Road from Aylmer Avenue/Severn Street to Yorkville Park Drive;

4. rescind the “One-hour maximum parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the west side of Rosedale Valley Road (east roadway) from Rosedale Valley Road to the north end of Rosedale Valley Road (east roadway);
5. rescind the regulation authorizing operation of parking meters on the west side of Rosedale Valley Road, from Aylmer Avenue/Severn Street to Yorkville Park Road for a maximum period of two hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday at a rate of \$1.50 per hour;
6. rescind the regulation authorizing operation of parking meters on the west side of Rosedale Valley Road, from Aylmer Avenue/Severn Street to Yorkville Park Road for a maximum period of three hours, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday at a rate of \$1.50 per hour; and
7. prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Rosedale Valley Road, from Aylmer Avenue/Severn Street to the north end of the street.

## **Financial Impact**

The estimated cost of narrowing the west side of Rosedale Valley Road to construct a sidewalk, including adjustments to parking signs and removal of parking meters, is \$210,000.00. Transportation Services has requested that the 2007 Capital Budget process allocate \$2,000,000.00 for the installation of sidewalks. The installation of a sidewalk on this section of Rosedale Valley Road is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Councillor Kyle Rae, Transportation Services reviewed Rosedale Valley Road to determine whether a sidewalk could be installed on the west side to link Aylmer Avenue to the Rosedale Ravine Lands.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Roadway Characteristics**

The east branch of Rosedale Valley Road, from Aylmer Avenue to the north end of the street is:

- classified as a local road;
- has a pavement width of approximately 7.3 meters;
- has two-way traffic flow; and
- the speed limit is 50 km/h.

High-rise apartment buildings are located along the east side of the street. The west side of the street is mostly a retaining wall/grass embankment. There are no sidewalks on either side of the street at this time.

## **Parking Regulations**

The following parking regulations are in effect.

East Side:

- Parking is prohibited at all times.

West Side:

- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of two hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday (controlled by parking meters);
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times.

## **Investigative Findings**

Transportation Services staff have reviewed the feasibility of installing a sidewalk on the east side of the east branch of Rosedale Valley Road, from Aylmer Avenue to the north end of the street of approximately 250 meters in length.

This will require narrowing Rosedale Valley Road from a width from 7.6 metres to 6.0 metres. This section of Rosedale Valley Road is a dead end and two way traffic movements must be maintained. To enable safe and unobstructed two-way traffic movement on a narrowed road width it will be necessary to prohibit parking at all times on the west side of the street. This will eliminate 25 metered parking spaces, resulting in the loss of all legal parking spaces on this street.

The adjacent apartment buildings provide parking for visitors and our inspections indicate very few vehicles park on this street. The Toronto Parking Authority also has advised that parking meters on this street generate little revenue and the cost of maintaining the parking meters is sometimes more than the revenue generated.

The loss of parking spaces on this section of Rosedale Valley Road might be a minor inconvenience to some people but is offset by the improvement to pedestrian safety that will result through construction of a sidewalk.

We also note that the parking regulations identified in Recommendations 2 and 4 are not currently signed in the field and should be removed from the traffic by-law.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing Nos. 421P-0016, dated October 2006  
421P-0010, dated October 2006  
421P-0010a, dated October 2006  
421P-0010b, dated October 2006

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