

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Westwood Avenue – Prohibition of Parking

Date:	April 5, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is responding to a complaint about parked vehicles blocking the driveways or front yard parking pads at a number of addresses on Westwood Avenue. Also, during our investigation we noted that alternate side parking regulations signed on this street are not identified in the former Borough of East York Traffic By-law.

Prohibiting parking in front of Nos. 65 to 75 Westwood Avenue should resolve the complaint about blocked driveways. Adoption of alternate side parking recommendations will make the by-law conform to the parking regulations signed elsewhere on Westwood Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

- 1. prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Westwood Avenue, from a point 45.2 metres west of Logan Avenue to a point 30.5 metres further west;
- 2. prohibit parking at all times during the months of May, July, September, and November, on the north side of Westwood Avenue, from Burley Avenue to Logan Avenue; and

3. prohibit parking at all times during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December, on the south side of Westwood Avenue, from Burley Avenue to a point 75.7 metres west of Logan Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$ 500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Case Ootes requested Transportation Services to investigate a complaint from residents of Westwood Avenue that parked cars are blocking their driveways.

COMMENTS

Site Description

Westwood Avenue is a local street, operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. The speed limit is 40 km/h. TTC service does not operate on this street. Signs indicate parking is prohibited at all times during the months of May, July, September and November, on the north side Westwood Avenue. Parking is prohibited at all times during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December on the south side of the street. Overnight permit parking regulations are in effect on Westwood Avenue.

Investigation

Inspections conducted by staff determined the distance between driveways at Nos. 73 and 75 Westwood Avenue is too short to park any vehicle larger than a motorcycle without overhanging one of the driveways. Similar conditions exist between driveways at Nos. 65 to 71 Westwood Avenue. Staff also noted that the alternate side parking regulation signed on Westwood Avenue is not listed in the (former) Borough of East York Traffic By-law.

Resolution

Prohibiting parking at all times on the south side of Westwood Avenue in front of Nos. 65 to 75 (a distance of 30.5 metres) will resolve the problem of vehicles parking and blocking driveways. No suitable parking spaces will be eliminated. Installation of a pole and sign in front of both Nos. 65 and 77 Westwood Avenue will be required to clearly identify the regulation to motorists.

Approval of the alternate side parking recommendations contained in this report will resolve the conflict between the traffic by-law and the regulations posted on the street.

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