



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Wagstaff Drive – amendment to parking regulations

Date:	August 9, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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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 has investigated a request to allow short-term parking on Wagstaff Drive to accommodate parents dropping off children at an adjacent gymnastic centre. Approximately eight parking spaces could be provided on the north side of Wagstaff Drive during the evening and weekends.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. amend the current “No parking” anytime regulation on the north side of Wagstaff Drive to operate from Greenwood Avenue to a point 122.5 metres west; and
2. implement a maximum one-hour parking limit on the north side of Wagstaff Drive from a point 122.5 metres west of Greenwood Avenue to a point 50 metres further west, between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, and prohibit parking at other times.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Paula Fletcher has received a petition from Toronto Premier Gymnastics Centre (No. 36 Wagstaff Drive) requesting that parking be allowed on Wagstaff Drive for a maximum period of one-hour between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The purpose of the short-term parking is to provide convenient parking for parents so that they may accompany their children to gym classes.

COMMENTS

Wagstaff Drive is located west of Greenwood Avenue, north of Gerrard Street East. Traffic operates two-way on a variable pavement width of 6.2 to 8.5 metres. Wagstaff Drive provides access to the rear of several residential properties fronting onto Ivy Avenue and to a few commercial buildings on the north side of the street. Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of the street. Although Wagstaff Drive is classified as a local road, it is constructed as a concrete laneway. There is no TTC service on this street.

The existing parking prohibition on both sides was implemented to maintain two-way traffic flow, truck access to commercial businesses, and vehicle access to and from the residential properties. It is possible to provide parking on the north side of Wagstaff Drive, fronting No. 20 Wagstaff Drive (Thomson Groceries Ltd). The pavement width is 8.5 metres at this location and a 2.5 metre wide parking area for approximately 8 vehicles could be provided. A minimum pavement width of 6 metres would be maintained for two-way traffic flow and emergency vehicle access. Given that the building wall extends out to the north limit of the pavement, accessibility to the passenger side of parked vehicles could be restricted.

A Transportation Services staff member contacted Thomson Groceries Limited and was advised that they have no objection to allowing parking fronting their business provided it is outside of their regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking at other times would obstruct truck access and loading/unloading operations. Accordingly, the parking should commence at 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, rather than 4:00 p.m. as requested by Toronto Premier Gymnastics.

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