

## **Riverdale Avenue – Parking Prohibition**

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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-Danforth, Ward 30
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07173te.top.doc

### **SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement new and adjust existing “No Parking” regulations on the south side of Riverdale Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Carlaw Avenue. The amendments are required to ensure unobstructed eastbound traffic flow in conjunction with an earlier approved road narrowing on the south side of Riverdale Avenue at Pape Avenue and correct an overlap in parking regulations.

These amendments will result in the loss of approximately three parking spaces.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. approve the following changes to parking regulations co-incident with the narrowing of the Riverdale Avenue and Pape Avenue intersection:
  - (a) amend the area of the current “No Parking 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the south side of Riverdale Avenue, between Pape Avenue and a point 57.9 metres east of Carlaw Avenue, to operate between a point 35 metres west of Pape Avenue and a point 57.9 metres east of Carlaw Avenue;
  - (b) amend the area of the current “No Parking 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of Riverdale Avenue, between Carlaw Avenue and Pape Avenue to operate between Carlaw Avenue and a point 57.9 metres east of Carlaw Avenue; and

- (c) prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Riverdale Avenue from Pape Avenue to a point 35 metres west thereof.

### **Financial Impact**

<b>Type of funding</b>	<b>Source of funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget	\$200

### **DECISION HISTORY**

City Council, at its meeting on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2006, adopted Notice of Motion No. J (36), approving the alteration of Pape Avenue and Riverdale Avenue by narrowing the roadway, subject to further refinement through the design process.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Councillor Paula Fletcher organized a working group to review and address operational safety concerns in the vicinity of Pape Avenue Public School. The group consisted of local residents, parents, school staff, Police, and Transportation Services staff. The main concern of this group was pedestrian safety, more particularly, the safety of school-aged children crossing at the intersection of Pape Avenue and Riverdale Avenue.

A plan was developed to narrow the traveled portion of Riverdale Avenue on the south side at Pape Avenue. The reduced pavement width of Riverdale Avenue would, among other things, provide a shorter and potentially safer crossing for pedestrians. The road narrowing will be done through the Safety and Operational Improvements Program.

Through consultation with Councillor Fletcher and residents, further refinements to the plan have extended the length of the road narrowing to a point further west of Pape Avenue, into an area where parking is presently allowed. As a result, the plan requires implementation of a parking prohibition to ensure operational safety.

### **COMMENTS**

Riverdale Avenue is a two-lane minor arterial road between Carlaw Avenue and Pape Avenue providing, two-way east/west traffic operation on a pavement width of about 14 metres. Pape Avenue School is located on the south side of Riverdale Avenue, west of Pape Avenue. The intersection of Riverdale Avenue and Pape Avenue is regulated by all-way “Stop” sign control. The TTC operates bus service along this section of Riverdale Avenue.

The following parking regulations apply on the south side of Riverdale Avenue, between Carlaw Avenue and Pape Avenue:

- parking is prohibited, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Carlaw Avenue to Pape Avenue;

- parking is prohibited, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from a point 57.9 metres east of Carlaw Avenue to Pape Avenue (fronting Pape Avenue School); and
- parking is allowed for a maximum of 3 hours at other times.

Permit parking is not provided on this section of Riverdale Avenue.

Since the current daytime parking prohibitions overlap, approval of Recommendations 1(a) and 1(b), above will eliminate this overlap and more clearly define the parking regulations outlined in the appropriate Schedule of Chapter 400 of the (former) City of Toronto Municipal Code.

The proposed road narrowing on the south side of Riverdale Avenue will result in an eastbound lane width of about 4.2 metres from Pape Avenue, to a point 35 metres west thereof. Since the resultant lane will not be wide enough to provide parking and maintain traffic flow, parking should be prohibited at all times on the south side of Riverdale Avenue, from Pape Avenue to a point 35 metres west (where the proposed build-out will be constructed) to ensure safe traffic operation.

The proposed parking prohibition will not negatively impact TTC operations, but will result in a loss of about three parking spaces. However, since parking is prohibited on the south side of Riverdale Avenue fronting the school from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, the loss of the parking spaces will only occur during evening and overnight hours.

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