



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Amendments to the parking regulations on Halsey Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	December 20, 2006
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07015tey.top.doc

#### **SUMMARY**

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A public meeting was held in September 2006 where various issues related to parking on Halsey Avenue were discussed. We are reporting to request Council's authority to amend several parking regulations on this street. If approved, these amendments could deter parking at locations where complaints have been received about vehicles blocking access to driveways, and will correct certain conflicts that exist between entries in the former East York Traffic By-law and parking regulations signed on Halsey Avenue.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. the "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Halsey Avenue from Dawes Road to the westerly end of Halsey Avenue, be rescinded;
2. parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of Halsey Avenue from a point 40 metres west of George Webster Road to a point 89 metres further west thereof; and
3. parking be prohibited at all times on the north side of Halsey Avenue, from Dawes Road to George Webster Road.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$500
Additional funding request for current budget year	Not applicable	Nil
Funding required for next budget year	Not applicable	Nil
Total financial impact		\$500

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Following a public meeting on September 7, 2006, Councillor Janet Davis requested Transportation Services staff to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking regulations on Halsey Avenue, between George Webster Road and the westerly end of the street to deter parking in proximity to driveways leading to a new townhouse complex (Premises Nos. 41 to 65).

## COMMENTS

Halsey Avenue, between George Webster Road and the westerly end of the street, operates two-way with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking regulations on this street are as follows:

### North Side

- Parking is prohibited at all times, from George Webster Road to the west end of the street (*this regulation has not been signed on the street*).

### South Side

- Parking is prohibited at all times from, George Webster Road to a point 17 metres west; and
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours, from a point 17 metres west of George Webster Road to the west end of the street.

Permit parking regulations are not in effect on Halsey Avenue.

Our site inspection indicated that driveways leading to the new townhouses (41 – 65 Halsey Avenue) are located less than 5 metres apart. Taking into consideration the statutory parking prohibition within 0.6 metres of a driveway, the legal parking area between driveways is less than 4 metres in length. Although some smaller cars and motorcycles could park in these spaces without causing a problem, the spaces are too short for many vehicles. We monitored this street over several days at different times of day and observed cars parked and partially overhanging driveways on several occasions. Prohibiting parking on the south side of Halsey Avenue from a point 40 metres west of

George Webster Road to a point 89 metres further west would resolve this potential problem. Residents attending the public meeting supported this suggestion.

While reviewing the parking regulations on Halsey Avenue, we discovered that a discrepancy exists between the parking regulation indicated on the street and the regulation outlined in the (former) Borough of East York Traffic By-law. The by-law indicates parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of the street, west of George Webster Road, but no signs are posted to give effect to this regulation.

We do not object to allowing parking on the north side of Halsey Avenue, west of George Webster Road. Approval of the recommendations contained in this report will allow parking to occur on the north side of the street for a maximum period of three hours at anytime (as implied with the lack of signs posted on this side of the street) and will resolve the current discrepancy.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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