



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Fern Avenue – Introduction of No Stopping Anytime Regulation

Date:	November 12, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Parkdale – High Park, Ward 14
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to request authority to prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Fern Avenue, from a point 160 metres west of Sorauren Avenue to a point 130 metres west thereof.

This regulation coupled with the scheduled installation of bollards on the north side of Fern Avenue fronting Fern Avenue Public School will discourage illegal parking/stopping, prevent motorists from mounting the curb, obstructing the sidewalk, and improve safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Fern Avenue, from a point 160 metres west of Sorauren Avenue to a point 130 metres west thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Gord Perks, Transportation Services has investigated implementing a more stringent “No Stopping at Anytime” regulation on the north side of Fern Avenue in front of Fern Avenue Public School to discourage motorists from illegally parking or stopping on this section of the street and to augment installation of bollards along the frontage of the school.

COMMENTS

Fern Avenue is a local roadway operating one-way westbound with a road width of 6.2 metres. The speed limit is 40 km/h. The road has a slight “S”-curve alignment about 200 metres west of Sorauren Avenue, which potentially reduces advance sight lines. Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Fern Avenue and is allowed for a maximum period of three hours on the south side, except from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. when parking is allowed by permit only. Fern Avenue Public School is located on the north side of the street, from a point 160 metres west of Sorauren Avenue to a point 130 metres further west.

Prohibiting stopping on the north side of Fern Avenue in front of the school will not eliminate any on-street parking spaces and will complement the installation of bollards on this street, intended to prevent motorists from mounting the curb and obstructing the sidewalk.

This will improve over all safety for all road users and ease congestion on Fern Avenue during the school’s admission/dismissal times.

Transportation Services appreciates that parents require the opportunity to pick-up/drop-off children at the school. Facilities allowing this are provided on Wright Avenue, one block north of Fern Avenue.

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