



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Morning Star Drive - Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	April 7, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	p:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc080049-to-AFS6080

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to propose the installation of a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on both sides of Morning Star Drive between Humberwood Boulevard and the bridge over Highway No. 427 (113.0 metres west of Humberwood Boulevard).

It is appropriate to install “No Parking Anytime” signs in this area as the visibility of parked vehicles for motorists traveling eastbound on Morning Star Drive is somewhat limited due to the crest in the bridge over Highway No.427. In addition, traffic control signals are proposed at the intersection of Humberwood Boulevard and Morning Star Drive and are anticipated for installation in 2008. It is the practice to prohibit parking in the area of traffic control signals to improve safety and traffic operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Morning Star Drive between Humberwood Boulevard and a point 113.0 metres west of Humberwood Boulevard.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Staff from Transportation Services received a complaint from area residents that motorists are parking on Morning Star Drive immediately west of Humberwood Boulevard. Formal bike lanes exist immediately to the west, in the City of Mississauga. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Morning Star Drive is a 10.0 metre wide road connecting the City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga through a bridge over Highway No.427. The road has two lanes for two way traffic. The City of Mississauga has marked bicycle lanes on both sides on their portion of Morning Star Drive, and cyclists using these lanes continue on Morning Star Drive up to Humberwood Boulevard. The section of road within the City of Toronto is not specifically designated as an exclusive bike lane, as it is a short section of road (just over 100 metres). Within the City of Mississauga, parking is prohibited on both sides of Morning Star Drive.

A park with a playground exists at the southwest corner of the Humberwood Boulevard and Morning Star Drive. Traffic control signals have been approved at the intersection of Humberwood Boulevard and Morning Star Drive and are anticipated for installation this spring.

Observations conducted on several occasions confirmed that vehicles, on occasion, are parking on Morning Star Drive in the vicinity of park and that these parked vehicles are reducing the effective width of the road. This parking does not regularly occur on the section of road to the west of Highway No. 427, within the City of Mississauga, as this area is already posted as “No Parking Anytime”. To post a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on both sides of Morning Star Drive within the City of Toronto jurisdiction would maintain parking consistency on this road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map