

Short-Term Parking: Parkhurst Boulevard

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with the City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend the existing parking regulations on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, between Laird Drive and Randolph Road and to install parking for maximum periods of 15 minutes during the day to accommodate short-term parking for pick-up and drop-off activities at the daycare facility located on the northwest corner of Laird Drive and Parkhurst Boulevard.

The amendments to the parking regulations on Parkhurst Boulevard will address concerns related to short-term pick-up and drop-off activities at the above-noted daycare facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. the existing No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, between Laird Drive and Sutherland Drive, be deleted;
2. parking be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, from the east limit of Randolph Road to the east limit of Sutherland Drive;

3. parking be prohibited at anytime on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, from the west limit of Laird Drive to a point 42 metres west; and
4. parking be permitted for maximum periods of 15 minutes on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 42 metres west of Laird Drive and the east limit of Randolph Road

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendments to the parking regulations on Parkhurst Boulevard are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2008 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor John Parker, on behalf of constituents and parents whose children attend the Leaside Daycare facility located at 206 Laird Drive, to remove the parking restrictions on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard and to allow short-term parking.

The parents stopping to pick-up and drop-off children at the daycare facility are concerned that the lack of parking on either side of Parkhurst Boulevard poses a safety concern for children accessing the daycare facility during pick-up and drop-off activities.

COMMENTS

In order to identify existing conditions and determine possible safety improvements, staff of this division reviewed the pedestrian and vehicle operation in front of the Leaside Daycare facility.

Leaside Daycare is located on the northwest corner of Laird Drive and Parkhurst Boulevard. The current parking regulations on Parkhurst Boulevard at Laird Drive, in the vicinity of the daycare facility are as follows:

- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, between Laird Drive and Sutherland Drive; and
- Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of Parkhurst Boulevard, between Laird Drive and Sutherland Drive

Staff observations have verified that the on-site parking facility at the Leaside Daycare is very congested during peak pick-up and drop-off periods. As a result, many parents park their vehicles on Parkhurst Boulevard, immediately west of Laird Drive where parking is currently prohibited. This practice contributes to congestion in the area particularly for

parents and children who cross the road from the south side of Parkhurst Boulevard to the daycare facility.

Therefore, to provide a permitted parking area to facilitate pick-up and drop-off activities, we are recommending the implementation of 15 minute permitted parking on the north side of Parkhurst Boulevard, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, west of the daycare.

In order to minimize congestion at the frontage of the daycare, we are recommending replacement of peak period “No Parking” with “No Parking Anytime” prohibitions.

Councillor John Parker has been advised of our recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Map – Parkhurst Blvd: Short-Term Parking (ny08047_map)