

No Standing Anytime Zones: 1 and 3 Duplex Avenue

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 23 - Willowdale
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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 City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend the two eight metre “No Parking Anytime” restricted spaces on the east side of Duplex Avenue, adjacent to 1 and 3 Duplex Avenue to “No Standing Anytime”.

The installation of the “No Standing Anytime” restrictions will address the needs of all occupants and users of 1 and 3 Duplex Avenue, specifically maintaining the area clear of parked vehicles and facilitating drop-off and pick-up activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the “No Parking Anytime” prohibitions on the east side of Duplex Avenue, from a point 33 metres south of the southerly limit of Hendon Avenue to a point 41 metres south of the southerly limit of Hendon Avenue;

2. Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the “No Parking Anytime” prohibitions on the east side of Duplex Avenue, from a point 134 metres south of the southerly limit of Hendon Avenue to a point 142 metres south of the southerly limit of Hendon Avenue;
3. Schedule XI of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by installing a “No Standing Anytime” prohibition on the east side of Duplex Avenue, from a point 33 metres south of Hendon Avenue to a point 8 metres south thereof; and
4. Schedule XI of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by installing a “No Standing Anytime” prohibition on the east side of Duplex Avenue, from a point 134 metres south of Hendon Avenue to a point 8 metres south thereof

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the “No Standing Anytime” restrictions at 1 and 3 Duplex Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division’s 2008 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District received a request from a resident of 1 Duplex Avenue, to investigate the feasibility of replacing the “No Parking Anytime” restrictions in front of the entrances to 1 and 3 Duplex Avenue with “No Standing Anytime”.

COMMENTS

Duplex Avenue between Finch Avenue West and Hendon Avenue is classified as local road with a roadway width of 8.5 metres and regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. The surrounding area is comprised of high-rise residential condominiums with office/medical uses on the lower levels.

The current parking regulations on Duplex Avenue, between Finch Avenue West and Hendon Avenue are as follows:

- No Parking Anytime, on the west side of Duplex Avenue between Finch Avenue West and Hendon Avenue;
- Pay and Display Parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the east side of Duplex Avenue between Finch Avenue West and Hendon Avenue;

- No Parking Anytime, on the east side of Duplex Avenue from 33 metres south of Hendon Avenue to a point 8 metres south; and
- No Parking Anytime, on the east side of Duplex Avenue from 134 metres south of Hendon Avenue to a point 8 metres south.

The resident of 1 Duplex Avenue advised that although an eight metre “No Parking Anytime” prohibition is in place in front of the buildings they are usually occupied by motorists with valid disabled parking permits which create difficulties with pick-up and drop-off activities associated with delivery vehicles, patients and persons with disabilities using Wheel-Trans vehicle.

The eight metre “No Parking Anytime” areas at these locations were originally intended for the purpose of loading and unloading. Although “No Parking Anytime” restricts motorists from parking in the designated areas, persons with disabled parking permits are exempt and may park up to periods of 24 hours.

Staff observations have verified that the eight metre “No Parking Anytime” spaces in front of 1 and 3 Duplex Avenue are continuously occupied by persons with disabled parking permits. As a result of the parking activities, it makes it difficult for motorists loading and unloading of parcels, patients and persons with disabilities at these two locations.

Further observations confirmed that a large majority of motorists that park on the east side of Duplex Avenue are persons with disabled parking permits and that it would not suffice to install parking areas for persons with disabled parking permits at these locations, particularly since persons with disabled parking permits may park within the pay and display area free of charge or if required, on the west side of Duplex Avenue. Furthermore, the underground parking facilities provide such parking spaces for persons with disabilities.

Therefore, in order to address the resident’s concern and to provide a permitted loading and unloading area, we are recommending the “No Parking Anytime” regulations be replaced with “No Standing Anytime”.

The “No Standing Anytime” regulations permit loading and unloading while restricting any motorists, including those with disabled parking permits, from parking in the designated area.

Councillor John Filion has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report, and has provided his concurrence.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map –1 and 3 Duplex Avenue; No Standing Anytime Zones
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