



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Stopping Prohibitions: Shermount Avenue

Date:	August 5, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08084

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 existing parking regulations on Shermount Avenue to prohibit stopping at anytime on the west side of the road, from Lawrence Avenue West to Fairholme Avenue.

The amendments to the parking regulations on Shermount Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Fairholme Avenue will address the concerns regarding traffic flow in the southbound lane.

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, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the west side of Shermount Avenue, from the northerly limit of Glen Park Avenue to the southerly limit of Lawrence Avenue West;
2. Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by prohibiting parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Shermount Avenue, from Glen Park Avenue to Fairholme Avenue; and

3. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by prohibiting stopping anytime on the west side of Shermount Avenue, from Fairholme Avenue to Lawrence Avenue West.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendment of the stopping regulations are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2008 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District as the result of an internal request has reviewed the feasibility of installing a "No Stopping Anytime" prohibition on the west side of Shermount Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Fairholme Avenue.

COMMENTS

Shermount Avenue is designated as a collector roadway and has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. The intersection of Lawrence Avenue West and Shermount Avenue is controlled by a traffic control signal. The lane configuration on Shermount Avenue between Fairholme Avenue and Lawrence Avenue West consists of a dedicated northbound left-turn lane; a northbound shared through and right-turn lane and a single southbound lane.

Currently, parking is prohibited anytime on the east side of Shermount Avenue, and parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on west side of Shermount Avenue, from Fairholme Avenue to Lawrence Avenue West.

The west side of Shermount Avenue between Lawrence Avenue West and Fairholme Avenue has no residential frontage and one driveway flanking Shermount Avenue just south of Lawrence Avenue West.

When vehicles are stopped on the west side of the road, southbound traffic is obstructed and results in the southbound traffic encroaching into the northbound left turn lane. This practice is undesirable as it creates the potential for either a side-swipe collision or a head-on collision. Additionally, any vehicle parked on the west side of Shermount Avenue results in the eastbound-to-southbound right-turning traffic queuing onto Lawrence Avenue West.

Therefore, in view of the above, the installation of a “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition on the west side of Shermount Avenue will address the noted safety concerns. Furthermore, given that there are no homes with direct frontage on this section of roadway, the proposed stopping prohibitions will have minimal impact to the residents along this section of roadway.

Councillor Howard Moscoe has indicated his support to amend the parking prohibitions on Shermount Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Shermount Avenue from Fairholme Av to Lawrence Av W;
Stopping Prohibitions (*ny08084_map*)