

## **Installation of an On-Street Parking Space for Persons with Disabilities: Greenfield Avenue**

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<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 23 – Willowdale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ny08104

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council as 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 install an on-street disabled persons parking space on the south side of Greenfield Avenue approximately 32 metres west of Doris Avenue.

The introduction of the disabled persons parking space will address the distinct needs of parents of students that attend Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts while only reducing the available pay-and-display parking by one space.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. An on-street parking space for persons with disabilities be established on the south side of Greenfield Avenue, between a point 32 metres west of the westerly limit of Doris Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further west thereof; and
2. The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the appropriate bills for the removal of 5.5 metres of pay-and-display parking on the south side of Greenfield Avenue between a point 32 metres west of Doris Avenue and a point 5.5 metres west thereof; and

3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take any action necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the installation of the on-street disabled person's parking space on Greenfield Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2008 Operating Budget estimates.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, received a request from a parent of a student that attends Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, to investigate the feasibility of installing an on-street disabled persons' parking space in the vicinity of Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts.

## **COMMENTS**

Greenfield Avenue is classified as a collector roadway with a posted 40 km/h speed limit. The lane configurations mainly consist of two westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes. Parked vehicles occupy the eastbound curb lane, as such only one lane is used for free flow traffic in the eastbound direction.

The current parking/stopping regulations on Greenfield Avenue, between Yonge Street and Doris Avenue are as follows:

### **North Side**

- In front of the school within the lay-by, Stopping is prohibited between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and parking is prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The lay-by is also designated as a school bus loading zone.
- The remaining section of Greenfield Avenue, Stopping is prohibited anytime.

### **South Side**

- Pay-and-Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from 30 metres west of Doris Avenue to approximately 82 metres west;
- The remaining sections of Greenfield Avenue, Stopping is prohibited anytime.

There are no on-site parking facilities available at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. Both staff and members of the faculty share parking with the Board of Education's parking facility located on the east side of Doris Avenue.

There is a School bus loading zone facility provided directly in front of the School on the north side of Greenfield Avenue. The provision of the School Bus Loading Zone facility is strictly for the purpose of student pick-up and drop-off activity, as such, a disabled parking space is not recommended on the north side of Greenfield Avenue as it would have a negative impact on the heavy east/west traffic flow on Greenfield Avenue.

Although, persons with disabilities are permitted to park free of charge on the south side of Greenfield Avenue where pay-and-display is permitted, a designated disabled parking space may provide a more reliable available space to park.

Based on staff review, the ideal location to provide parking for persons with disabilities in the immediate vicinity of the School is on the south side of Greenfield Avenue, between a point 32 metres west of the westerly limit of Doris Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further west thereof. The subject location would allow the safe crossing of Greenfield Avenue as it is within close proximity to both the school and the traffic control signals located immediately east of the School at Greenfield Avenue and Doris Avenue.

The creation of this on-street disabled persons' parking space will result in the loss of one on-street pay-and-display parking space.

Councillor John Filion has indicated support of the introduction of the on-street disabled persons parking space.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Greenfield Avenue; Disabled Persons' Parking Space  
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