

**Request for an exemption from Chapter 918 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to permit a front yard parking pad at 21 Hanson Road**

<b>Date:</b>	September 9, 2008
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 15 – Eglinton-Lawrence</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ny08107

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which 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 report on a request for an exemption from Chapter 918 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, to permit front yard parking at 21 Hanson Road which does not meet the technical requirements of the Code as on-street parking is available. Also, it does not meet the physical requirements for soft landscaping on the private property portion of the front yard.

As this is an appeal and a request for an exemption from the by-law, it is scheduled as a deputation item.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. the appeal for a front yard parking pad be denied as the proposal does not comply with the technical or physical landscaping requirements of the Municipal Code.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

On May 1, 2007, the former owner submitted an appeal to maintain a front yard parking pad at 21 Hanson Road. The new owner chose to proceed with the appeal and submitted the necessary documentation on June 7, 2007. Processing of the appeal continued after an amendment to the wording of Chapter 918 was approved permitting applications and appeals for front yard parking within Ward 15. A poll was then conducted to determine if there is neighbourhood support for the proposal. The poll was in favour of the front yard parking proposal (mailed 47 ballots of which 25 ballots were returned with 23 in favour, 1 opposed and 1 spoiled). The owner will reconstruct the parking pad with a permeable paving material in accordance with related by-law requirements.

There is an existing downspout at this location that must meet any conditions of approval identified by Toronto Water, Service Programs, for its maintenance.

## **COMMENTS**

The proposal for a front yard parking pad at this location does not comply with the requirements of the Municipal Code as there is on-street parking available and the soft landscaping requirements are not met.

Staff cannot issue a front yard parking permit for this location as it does not meet the requirements of the Municipal Code.

Councillor Howard Moscoe has been advised of the contents of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Site plan showing proposed front yard parking (*nycc08107\_map*)