



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed Stopping Regulations – Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road

<b>Date:</b>	May 20, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge River
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc08043 D07-858 No Stopping Regulations on Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to a request to implement “No Stopping Anytime” zones on Sewells Road in the vicinity of an automobile wrecking yard.

It is recommended that “No Stopping Anytime” regulations on both Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road be enacted to mitigate illegal roadside dumping activities along these roads as well as unsafe stopping, standing and parking activities in the vicinity of the automobile wrecking yard.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:**

1. Rescind the “No Parking”, “Parking for Restricted Periods” and “No Stopping” regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report,
2. Adopt the “No Stopping” regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report, and
3. Amend the appropriate by-laws accordingly.

## **Financial Impact**

The financial cost of installing the necessary “No Stopping Anytime” signs is approximately \$10,000.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0226.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Further to a request from Councillor Raymond Cho, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of replacing the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulations along Sewells Road with “No Stopping Anytime” zones in the vicinity of an automobile wrecking yard. The original intent was to maintain the existing “One Hour Parking” zone abutting the wrecking yard.

As envisaged by Councillor Cho and Right-of-Way Management Staff at the time, the proposed “No Stopping Anytime” zones would have facilitated more effective enforcement of illegal dumping activities, as motorists could then be ticketed for either stopping or standing their vehicles while in the act of dumping. “No Parking Anytime” signs cannot be enforced for simple vehicle stopping or standing and persons may not necessarily “park” their vehicles by leaving them unattended while dumping nearby.

Where delegated, No Stopping regulations in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Community Council on an “as needed basis”.

## **COMMENTS**

The following characteristics describe Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road in this area:

- Land uses consist of an automobile wrecking yard on the west side of Sewells Road and rural uses otherwise.
- As per the Road Classification System, Steeles Avenue East is a Minor Arterial road while Sewells Road is a Local road.
- Both roads have rural cross-sections, with two lanes, no curbs, and gravel shoulders. Motorists appear to be stopping on the shoulders to dump refuse.
- Both Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road have a posted speed limit of 60 km/h in the area of the wrecking yard. Sewells Road has the default speed limit of 50 km/h in the south end.
- “One-hour Parking” (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) through posted signs is currently available on both sides of Sewells Road in the vicinity of the auto wrecking yard for approximately 200 metres; however, “No Parking Anytime” is signed for the Canadian National Railway grade crossing. Steeles Avenue East has the default three-hour parking regulation in effect.

Since the time of the original request, a multi-disciplinary team of City staff including Transportation Services, Municipal Licensing & Standards, and Solid Waste Management has determined that illegal dumping is occurring in both the “No Parking Anytime” and “One-Hour Parking” zones along Sewells Road, appearing to be related to the customers of the automobile wrecking yard itself. In addition, the parking activities in the “One-Hour Parking” zones now involve both boulevard and perpendicular parking, both of which are illegal under applicable by-laws. Such parking is also unsafe considering the rural design of Sewells Road, although a significant collision history has not manifested itself.

It has also been determined that the portion of Steeles Avenue East near the intersection of Sewells Road could attract dumping activities due its close proximity to the automobile wrecking yard. This is also a serious safety concern due to the higher prevailing speeds of motorists travelling on this arterial road.

The provision of a complete “No Stopping Anytime” zone is recommended along Sewells Road from Steeles Avenue East to the south intersection with Old Finch Avenue, which is approximately 2.5 km south of the automobile wrecking yard. This will make it easier for the Toronto Police Service and City staff to enforce stopping, standing, parking and dumping infractions along Sewells Road. This will also facilitate the relocation of any parking and refuse disposal activities related to the automobile wrecking yard onto the yard site itself. Such a regulation would also remove an overlapping conflict between the current “No Parking Anytime” and “One-Hour Parking” by-laws.

To prevent future dumping from relocating to Steeles Avenue East nearby, a similar “No Stopping Anytime” zone along Steeles Avenue East from the Canadian National Railway crossing to approximately 200 metres east of Sewells Road is also recommended.

When posted, the subject “No Stopping Anytime” zones will assist in mitigating the illegal dumping and stopping, standing and parking activities that are occurring in the area by facilitating their enforcement.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (Stopping Regulations – Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road)

Appendix 1

“No Parking”  
Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) <u>Highway</u>	(In Column 2) <u>Side</u>	(In Column 3) <u>From</u>	(In Column 4) <u>To</u>	(In Column 5) <u>Times or Days</u>
Sewells Road	Both	North Limit of C.P.R. Property	Steeles Avenue	Anytime

“Parking for Restricted Periods”  
Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) <u>Highway</u>	(In Column 2) <u>Side</u>	(In Column 3) <u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	(In Column 4) <u>Times or Days</u>	(In Column 5) Maximum Period <u>Permit</u>
Sewells Road	Both	North Limit of The C.P.R. Property	Steeles Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	60 Minutes

“No Stopping”  
Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) <u>Highway</u>	(In Column 2) <u>Side</u>	(In Column 3) <u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	(In Column 4) <u>Times or Days</u>
Sewells Road	Both	Finch Ave (South Intersection)	North Limit of C.P.R. Right-of-Way	Anytime

Appendix 2

“No Stopping”  
Regulations to be Enacted

(In Column 1) <u>Highway</u>	(In Column 2) <u>Side</u>	(In Column 3) <u>From</u>	(In Column 4) <u>To</u>	(In Column 5) <u>Times or Days</u>
Sewells Road	Both Sides	Steeles Avenue East	Old Finch Avenue (South Intersection)	Anytime
Steeles Avenue East	Both Sides	East limit of the Canadian National Railway York Subdivision Property	to a point 200 metres east of the east limit of Sewells Road	Anytime