



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Parking Regulations on the North Side of Tower Drive

Date:	September 18, 2008
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
Reference Number:	P:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc08075 D08-2911690 Tower parking regulations

SUMMARY

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 concern about lack of parking regulations on the north side of Tower Drive near 1331 Warden Avenue. Staff has confirmed the need for parking regulations in order to maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic on Tower Drive in direct proximity to Warden Avenue. In addition, public support in the form of a petition was received from area residents.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Parking, Anytime” on the north side of Tower Drive from Warden Avenue to 77 metres east of Warden Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report; and
2. Amend the appropriate by-law accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$1,500.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Michael Thompson about the lack of parking regulations on the north side of Tower Drive in the vicinity of 1331 Warden Avenue, Transportation Services staff reviewed the current parking conditions on this roadway. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns about the frequency and duration of long term parking observed on the north side of Tower Drive, (in direct proximity to the traffic control signals at Warden Avenue) and subsequent impacts on the surrounding residents and two-way traffic.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Tower Drive include:

- The intersection of Tower Drive and Warden Avenue is controlled by Traffic Control Signals.
- A small strip plaza is located at the northeast corner of Tower Drive and Warden Avenue. Warden Avenue is predominantly residential in this area.
- The spill over parking from the retail/business outlets located at the corner of Warden Avenue and Tower Drive frequently impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Tower Drive in direct proximity to the traffic control signals.
- The land use on Tower Drive consists of single family residential dwellings.
- Tower Drive is a two-lane east-west local road with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour, a traffic volume of approximately 1,400 vehicles per day, (vpd) and an operating speed of approximately 54 Km/h.
- Tower Drive has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres.
- Our observations revealed frequent on-street parking by the patrons of the small retail outlets located on the northeast corner of this intersection.
- Parking is currently permitted on the both sides of Tower Drive under the default 3 hour limit.
- When vehicles are parked on both the north and south sides of Tower Drive, two-way traffic could not be safely maintained.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Parking Anytime” on the north side of Tower Drive from Warden Avenue to 77 metres east of Warden Avenue. This will maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic on this roadway.

Staff anticipates that the parking regulations will enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (enact)
2. Location Plan – Proposed Parking Regulations, Tower Drive

Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

<u>Column 1</u> <u>Highway</u>	<u>Column 2</u> <u>Side</u>	<u>Column 3</u> <u>From</u>	<u>Column 4</u> <u>To</u>	<u>Column 5</u> <u>Times or Days</u>
Tower Drive	North	Warden Avenue	A point 77 metres east of Warden Avenue	Anytime