



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Dovercourt Road – Daycare pick-up/drop-off area and short term parking

Date:	March 4, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18 and Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services investigated a request to identify a “Daycare Pick-up/Drop-off Area”, with short-term parking allowed, on the east side of Dovercourt Road in the vicinity of the Dovercourt Child Care Centre (455 Dovercourt Road). This would designate an area where parents/guardians could park while accompanying their children to/from the daycare centre.

Staff recommends restricting parking to a maximum period of 15 minutes on the east side of Dovercourt Road in front of the daycare centre during peak times when children are picked up or dropped off. This regulation will apply to 4 parking spaces and should promote parking turnover in the area. The regulation will not adversely impact on traffic operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Restrict parking to a maximum period of 15 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Dovercourt Road, from a point 56 metres north of College Street to a point 26.5 metres north thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of staff at the Dovercourt Child Care Centre (455 Dovercourt Road), Transportation Services has investigated the possibility of identifying a “Daycare Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on Dovercourt Road and allowing short-term parking within the designated area for parents/guardians picking-up and dropping-off children attending the daycare centre.

COMMENTS

Dovercourt Road is a minor arterial roadway operating two-way on a pavement width of about 12 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. Permit parking operates from 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily. Otherwise, parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours on both sides of the street. Premises No. 455 Dovercourt Road is located on the east side of the street about 60 metres north of College Street. No TTC service operates on this section of Dovercourt Road.

Designating a “Daycare Pick-up/Drop-off Area” by means of information signs (no by-law amendment required) and restricting parking to a maximum period of 15 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, in front of Dovercourt Child Care Centre is feasible and recommended. This will provide 4 short-term parking spaces, promote turnover and potentially improve opportunity for parents arriving at the daycare centre to park while picking up or dropping off their children.

Given the permit parking regulation in effect on this street and considering that parking is allowed within the pick-up/drop-off area at all other times, there is no guarantee these parking spaces will be available when parents arrive. However, prohibiting parking in the designated area at other times of day could inconvenience permit parkers, other residents, and visitors. No other amendments to the parking regulations on this section of Dovercourt Road are recommended at this time.

Although this proposal impacts the east side of the street (Ward 19), Dovercourt Road is the boundary street between Wards 18 and 19. Both Councillor Adam Giambrone and Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone have been advised of this issue. Deputy Mayor Pantalone has advised staff he supports this initiative and has requested this report to come forward.

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