



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Amendments to parking regulations - Austin Terrace

<b>Date:</b>	May 14, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul's, Ward 21
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08083te.top.doc

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to rescind the "No Parking at Anytime" regulation on the south side of Austin Terrace, from Austin Crescent to a point 38.1 metres east thereof and to introduce a one-hour maximum parking restriction at certain times of day within this area.

This change will provide approximately 3 additional on-street parking spaces.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the south side of Austin Terrace, from Austin Crescent to a point 38.1 metres further east;
2. Rescind the existing maximum one hour parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Thursdays from April 1 to November 30 inclusive, that is in effect on the south side of Austin Terrace, from a point 38.1 metres east of Austin Crescent to a point 45.7 metres further east;
3. Rescind the existing "No Parking" each Thursday from April 1 to November 30 inclusive, that is in effect on the south side of Austin Terrace from a point 38.1 metres east of Austin Crescent to a point 45.7 metres further east; and

4. Implement parking for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Thursdays from April 1 to November 30 inclusive, on the south side of Austin Terrace, from Austin Crescent to a point 83.8 metres further east;
5. Prohibit parking each Thursday from April 1 to November 30 inclusive, on the south side of Austin Terrace, from Austin Crescent to a point 83.8 metres east of Austin Crescent.

### **Financial Impact**

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget.	\$250

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services' staff investigated the feasibility of rescinding the current "No Parking at Anytime" regulation in effect on the south side of Austin Terrace, from Austin Crescent to a point 38.1 metres east thereof to increase parking opportunities for local residents and visitors.

### **COMMENTS**

#### **Street Characteristics**

Austin Terrace is a local (residential) street operating two-way, in an east/west direction. There is no TTC service on this street. Parking is generally allowed with time limit restrictions on the south side of the street and is prohibited on the north side. Regulations were recently implemented that transfer parking from the south side to the north side of the street on Thursdays, from April 1 to November 30 to improve street cleaning operations. Permit parking is not authorized on Austin Terrace, east of Austin Crescent.

#### **Investigation**

Parking is prohibited at all times within 9 metres of all non-signalized intersections. Signs are not required to give effect to this regulation. In some instances where sight lines across a corner are potentially problematic, parking is prohibited within 15 metres of a non-signalized intersection, but signs must be posted in these situations. Only in circumstances where parking might impede access to one or more driveways (near a corner) would parking be prohibited further than the 15-metre distance. In these situations specific by-law authority is required.

A by-law prohibiting parking at all times on the south side of Austin Terrace, from Austin Crescent to a point 38.1 metres east thereof was adopted by the former City of Toronto in 1971. Records from 1971 suggest the parking prohibition was implemented to

enhance sight lines and improve safety at the Austin Terrace/Austin Crescent/Hilton Avenue intersection. The regulation also predates closure of Austin Terrace at Kendal Avenue, when much higher traffic volumes and turning activity took place at the intersection. Based on a recent site investigation, the length of the current parking prohibition is excessive. Rescinding this regulation and providing the typical 9 metre corner parking prohibition will not adversely affect safety on Austin Terrace or at the nearby intersection.

## **Resolution**

There is significant demand for on-street parking in this neighbourhood by residents, their visitors and visitors to a nearby convalescent hospital. Rescinding this parking prohibition on the south side of Austin Terrace, east of Austin Crescent will provide about 3 additional parking spaces and is recommended.

Adoption of the Recommendations outlined in this report will allow vehicles to park for a maximum period of one hour during the days/times noted above in Recommendation No. 2, and for a maximum period of three hours at other times. Since permit parking is not authorized on this section of Austin Terrace, any vehicle parked (with the exception of a vehicle displaying a valid accessibility/disability parking permit) is subject to enforcement if parked for longer than three hours.

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