



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**“Stop” sign installation and parking regulation changes  
– Leslie Street at Unwin Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto–Danforth, Ward 30 and Beaches–East York, Ward 32
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08119te.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 from Toronto and East York Community Council to install a southbound “Stop” sign on Leslie Street at Unwin Avenue and to amend the parking regulations on the east side of Leslie Street, north of Unwin Avenue, fronting the Leslie Street Allotment Gardens.

The Leslie Street Greening project, along with the future development of the Portlands and Lake Ontario Park, is expected to intensify pedestrian and cyclist activity in this area. The introduction of a southbound stop sign on Leslie Street at Unwin Avenue will clarify right-of-way and enhance safety at the intersection. The proposed changes to the parking regulations will provide approximately 28 parking spaces during the day, Monday to Friday. Work is scheduled to begin summer, 2008.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Authorize the introduction of a stop sign for southbound traffic on Leslie Street at Unwin Avenue.
2. Rescind the 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition on both sides of Leslie Street between Commissioners Street and the south end.

3. Prohibit parking from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Leslie Street between Commissioners Street and a point 316 metres south.
4. Prohibit parking from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Leslie Street between Commissioners Street and a point 350 metres south.
5. Prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Leslie Street between a point 316 metres south of Commissioners Street and Unwin Avenue.

### **Financial Impact**

<b>Type of funding</b>	<b>Source of funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 operating budget	\$2,000.00

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The “Leslie Street Greening” project is an initiative by Waterfront Toronto to enhance the streetscape of Leslie Street and make improvements to the Martin-Goodman Trail. Phase I, from Lake Shore Boulevard to Commissioners Street was completed in 2007. Phase II, from Commissioners Street to the south end at Unwin Avenue, is scheduled for completion in 2008.

Transportation Services staff have been working with Waterfront Toronto, other relevant City staff, and Councillor Paula Fletcher to identify necessary changes to on-street regulations and traffic controls to assist with implementation of this project.

### **COMMENTS**

Leslie Street, between Commissioners Street and Unwin Avenue (a distance of approximately 525 metres) is a north/south two-lane local road operating two-way. Unwin Avenue is a private road operating two-way, west of Leslie Street. The intersection of Leslie Street and Unwin Avenue is essentially a “T-type” intersection, of which the south leg of the intersection is the access driveway to Tommy Thompson Park (Leslie Street Spit). “Stop” signs at the intersection are posted for eastbound traffic on Unwin Avenue and northbound traffic exiting Tommy Thompson Park. The Martin Goodman recreation trail extends along the east side of Leslie Street connecting with Unwin Avenue, and there are allotment gardens on the east side of Leslie Street, north of Unwin Avenue. The TTC does not operate a transit service along Leslie Street, south of Commissioners Street.

#### **Installation of a southbound “Stop” sign**

Leslie Street is one of the major gateways to the Portlands area. With the completion of Phase II of the Leslie Street Greening project along with the redevelopment of Tommy Thompson Park (future Lake Ontario Park) it is anticipated that pedestrian and cyclist activity in the area of Leslie Street and Unwin Avenue will intensify. The installation of a southbound “Stop” sign on Leslie Street at Unwin Avenue will create an all-way stop at the intersection of Leslie Street, Unwin Avenue, and the exit driveway for the park, and

will better clarify right-of-way at the intersection. As well, the creation of an all-way stop will enhance safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists crossing Leslie Street at Unwin Avenue.

### **Amendment to parking regulations**

Parking is currently prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Leslie Street, between Commissioners Street and Unwin Avenue. Railway tracks cross Leslie Street between 316 and 350 metres south of Commissioners Street. South of the tracks, there are no curbs and it is possible for vehicles to park on the gravel boulevards.

The greening project will replace the gravel boulevards with bioswales, leaving a pavement width of 10.5 metres. This will allow for two-way traffic and parallel parking on the east side of the street alongside the allotment gardens. Parking will be provided at all times for approximately 28 vehicles. Parking will be prohibited at all times on the west of Leslie Street opposite the garden plots and will continue to be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Leslie Street, north of the railway tracks.

These proposed changes will clarify the location for legal parking, and will provide an additional 28 parking spaces during weekday daytime hours.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

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