

**Parking Amendments – Elm Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Sherbourne Street North**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08136te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. Transportation Services is seeking authority from Toronto and East York Community Council to amend the parking regulations on both sides of Elm Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Sherbourne Street North.

The proposed changes to the parking controls will result in unobstructed traffic flow on this section of Elm Avenue during pick-up/drop-off hours at the Branksome Hall School, and will help to deter illegal parking.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the north side of Elm Avenue from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 38.8 metres east.
2. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the north side of Elm Avenue from a point 60.4 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to a point 22.3 metres further east.
3. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the north side of Elm Avenue from a point 103.4 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to Sherbourne Street North.

4. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the south side of Elm Avenue from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 53.3 metres east.
5. Rescind the existing parking prohibition from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays on the south side of Elm Avenue from Huntley Street to Sherbourne Street.
6. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Elm Avenue from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 38.8 metres east.
7. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Elm Avenue from a point 60.4 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to a point 22.3 metres east.
8. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Elm Avenue from a point 103.4 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to Sherbourne Street North.
9. Prohibit standing from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Elm Avenue from a point 77 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to Sherbourne Street North.
10. Prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Elm Avenue from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 77 metres east.

### **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	\$1,000.00

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Branksome Hall School in consultation with Councillor Kyle Rae's office and members of the South Rosedale Ratepayers Association, Transportation Services investigated options to improve student pick-up and drop-off operations on Elm Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Sherbourne Street North, fronting Branksome Hall School.

### **COMMENTS**

Elm Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Sherbourne Street North operates two-way (eastbound and westbound), is classified as a collector roadway and has a pavement width of 7.4 metres. No TTC service operates on this section of Elm Avenue. The posted parking regulations currently in place on this section of Elm Avenue are as follows:

### South Side

- parking is prohibited at all times from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 77 metres east; and
- parking is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m, Monday to Friday from a point 77 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to Sherbourne Street North.

### North Side

Two lay-bys currently exist on this side of the street. The following parking regulations are in effect within the lay-bys:

- parking is allowed for a maximum period of ten minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- parking is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday; and all times on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays; and
- parking is prohibited at all times between the lay-bys.

In February of 2004, approval was granted for the construction of two lay-bys on the north side of Elm Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Sherbourne Street North, fronting Branksome Hall School. These lay-bys were intended to provide a convenient area, off the travelled portion of the roadway, where parents/guardians could stop or park for a short period of time when picking up or dropping off children at the school.

However, beyond the lay-bys, congestion was occurring on the north side of Elm Street (by parents dropping off children).

Transportation Services recently met with Branksome Hall School staff, members of the South Rosedale Ratepayers Association and staff from Councillor Kyle Rae's office to discuss on-going parking concerns on this section of Elm Avenue that obstruct two-way traffic flow during the school's pick-up and drop-off hours.

It was agreed that the current parking regulations on this section of Elm Avenue should be amended during the school's pick-up and drop-off hours to discourage illegal parking, facilitate parking turnover, and achieve unobstructed two-way traffic flow. Consequently, the current regulation which prohibits parking will be changed to a more stringent "No Standing" control.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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