



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Chisholm Avenue – 40 km/h Speed Limit and Parking Regulations

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches – East York, Ward 31
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SUMMARY

Transportation staff is requesting approval to reduce the maximum speed limit on Chisholm Avenue from 50 km/h to 40 km/h to address residents concerns with vehicular speeds. This lower speed limit would be consistent with the south end of this street. Also, the nature of this street, with sidewalks right beside the road and long-term parking, makes a 40 km/h speed limit more appropriate.

Transportation staff is also requesting approval to amend the parking regulations reducing the length of the current corner parking on Chisholm Avenue near Westbrook Avenue. These parking changes would benefit the community by providing much needed additional parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. reduce the maximum speed limit on Chisholm Avenue between 32 metres north of Newmarket Avenue and the north end of Chisholm Avenue from 50 km/h to 40 km/h; and
2. prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Chisholm Avenue, from Westbrook Avenue to a point 13 metres south, and from a point 19 metres south of Westbrook Avenue to a point 31 metres south of Westbrook Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available in 2008 budget	Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In June 2007 Councillor Janet Davis met with residents of Chisholm Avenue. Various traffic-related issues were identified. As a result of this meeting, Transportation Services staff studied reducing the maximum speed limit on Chisholm Avenue, between Newmarket Avenue and the north end of Chisholm Avenue, from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. We also studied reducing the corner parking prohibitions on Chisholm Avenue at Westbrook Avenue and Orley Avenue, to increase available parking.

COMMENTS

Description

Chisholm Avenue is a two-way local street that starts at Danforth Avenue and ends just north of Hampstead Avenue. The width of the road varies between 8 and 9 metres. Chisholm Avenue has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h, between Danforth Avenue and the former City limit north of Newmarket Avenue, and an unposted speed limit of 50 km/h north of Newmarket Avenue. The 62 Mortimer bus route operates on Chisholm Avenue between Doncaster Avenue and Lumsden Avenue.

The parking regulations on Chisholm Avenue are as follows:

East side:

- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and for a maximum of 3 hours at all other times, on an alternate-side basis from Danforth Avenue to just north of Newmarket Avenue;
- No Parking anytime from just north of Newmarket Avenue to Lumsden Avenue;
- Parking by permit only from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and for a maximum of 3 hours at all other times, on an alternate-side basis from Lumsden Avenue to just north of Hampstead Avenue.

West side:

- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and for a maximum of 3 hours at all other times, on an alternate-side basis from Danforth Avenue to just north of Newmarket Avenue;
- Parking by permit only from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and for a maximum of 3 hours at all other times, from just north of Newmarket Avenue to Lumsden Avenue;
- Parking by permit only from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and for a maximum of 3 hours at all other times, on an alternate-side basis from Lumsden Avenue to just north of Hampstead Avenue.

Speed Limit

Transportation Services staff have evaluated Chisholm Avenue, from Newmarket Avenue to north of Hamstead Avenue, for lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h.

Given that the southerly section of Chisholm Avenue has already been reduced to a maximum 40 km/h it would be prudent to make the remaining section of Chisholm Avenue a maximum 40 km/h speed limit. Given the residential nature of the street, and the long-term parking, and sidewalks immediately adjacent to the roadway, a lower speed limit would be beneficial to the safety of residents, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Parking Regulations

Transportation Services staff have assessed whether additional parking spaces could be provided near the intersections of Orley Avenue and Westbrook Avenue.

Orley Avenue intersects with Chisholm Avenue on the west side to form a “T” type intersection. Orley Avenue operates one-way westbound. In addition to the parking regulations previously mentioned, signs are posted that prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Chisholm Avenue from the corner to 15 metres north of Orley Avenue and 16 metres south of Orley Avenue. One parking space is created by reducing the parking prohibition north of Orley Avenue to 9 metres from 15 metres. As no by-law amendment is required, this change has been made.

Westbrook Avenue operates two-way and intersects with Chisholm Avenue to form a “T” type intersection one block north of Orley Avenue. While there is no underlying by-law to support it, there are also signs posted at this location that prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Chisholm Avenue from 15 metres north of Westbrook Avenue to 36 metres south of Westbrook Avenue.

One parking space is created by reducing the parking prohibition north of Westbrook Avenue to 9 metres from 15 metres. This change also has been made.

Closely-spaced driveways on the west side of Chisholm Avenue, south of Westbrook Avenue, result in spaces too small for a vehicle to park without blocking a driveway. However, changing the corner parking prohibition to 13 metres, and prohibiting parking from 19 metres south of Westbrook Avenue to 31 metres south of Westbrook Avenue, creates two more spaces without affecting the driveways. This change requires an amendment to the by-law.

In summary, these parking changes result in four additional parking spaces on the west side of Chisholm Avenue. There will be no impact on the safe operation of this street, or on transit service.

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