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STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Mercury Road - Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	November 25, 2008	
То:	Etobicoke York Community Council	
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District	
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North	
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090003-to	

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to propose an amendment to the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Mercury Road from a point 8.0 metres east of Kearney Drive to a point 38.0 metres east thereof. This amendment will change the time period in which the regulation applies from "Anytime" to "9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.". This will prevent overnight parking in the area abutting a pathway that leads to the multi-use path along the West Branch of the Humber River.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- 1. Rescinding the "No Parking Anytime" prohibition on the north side of Mercury Road between a point 8.0 metres east of Kearney Drive and a point 38.0 metres east thereof.
- 2. Enacting a "No Parking, 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m." prohibition on the north side of Mercury Road between a point 8 metres east of Kearney Drive and a point 38 metres east thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff attended meetings with Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North, area residents, and staff from the Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement Unit to discuss concerns regarding the "No Parking Anytime" regulations that were installed in the summer of 2008 in front of the access to the West Branch of the Humber River Path. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Mercury Road is classified as a "local" roadway, in the residential community to the north of Rexdale Boulevard and west of Martin Grove Road. The road is approximately 8.5 metres wide with curbs and sidewalks on both sides. A 40 km/h speed limit is posted on this road as is a centreline. In the area of the access to the path, a "No Parking Anytime" regulation was recently installed. These signs were requested by residents to deter motorists from stopping in front of the access to the West Branch of the Humber River Path and then engaging in illegal activities.

A review of the collision history reveals, during the past three years for which we have complete data, January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007, that there have been no reported collisions in this area of Mercury Road.

Following the installation of the parking prohibitions signs, one of the area residents expressed concerns that motorists now park in front of the residents' homes, or ignore the regulations. As a result of subsequent discussions with residents, it was decided that prohibiting parking only between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. would be sufficient to address the night time activity and would retain on-street parking in the area during the day.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map