



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**The Queensway, east of Penhurst Avenue – Parking Prohibition Amendment**

<b>Date:</b>	December 9, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 5– Etobicoke-Lakeshore
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090006-to

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the installation of a Pay and Display Machine and the designation of a taxicab stand on the south side of The Queensway, east of Penhurst Avenue.

In conjunction with the rehabilitation of The Queensway between Lady Bank Road and Mimico Creek, a parking lay-by was constructed in the area of 689 The Queensway, east of Penhurst Avenue. The purpose of the lay-by is to accommodate a pay parking area during the day and a designated taxicab stand at night. This area is currently by-lawed as a “No Parking Anytime” zone.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on The Queensway, City Council approval of this report is required. TTC staff have been consulted on the proposed parking amendment and have not objected to the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:**

1. The removal of the “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the south side of The Queensway between Penhurst Avenue and Wesley Street.
2. The installation of a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the south side of The Queensway between a point 40 metres east of Penhurst Avenue and Wesley Street.

3. The installation of a Pay and Display Machine on the south side of The Queensway between a point 15 metres east of Penhurst Avenue and a point 25 metres east thereof, to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$1.00/hour.
4. The designation of a taxicab stand for three taxi-cabs on the south side of The Queensway, between a point 15 metres east of Penhurst Avenue and a point 25 metres east thereof, from the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

### **Financial Impact**

The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the cost pertaining to the installation of a new pay and display machine including signage is approximately \$15,000.00. These funds are available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2009 Pay and Display Machine Installation Program.

The cost related to the supply and installation of the taxicab stand signage is approximately \$200.00. These funds are available within the current Transportation Services Operating Budget.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Queensway, between Lady Bank Road and Mimico Creek, has been recently rehabilitated under Contract 08-EY-01RD. As part of the design for this major road resurfacing project, the bus bay on the south side of The Queensway, just east of Penhurst Avenue, was removed and the TTC bus stop relocated eastward to the nearside of the intersection of The Queensway and Wesley Street.

Prior to its removal, the aforementioned bus-bay was being used by taxicabs as an informal pick-up and drop-off area during the evening hours for patrons of 689 The Queensway. As part of the design for the rehabilitation of The Queensway in this area, the owner of 689 The Queensway requested that a parking lay-by be constructed on the south side of The Queensway, east of Penhurst Avenue, to operate as paid parking during the day and as a designated taxicab stand at night.

Maps of the area are Attachment Nos. 1. and 2.

### **COMMENTS**

The Queensway, in the area of Penhurst Avenue, is classified as a major arterial road in the City's road system. There are two through lanes in each direction in addition to parking lay-bys on each side of the road. The daily traffic volume on this section of The Queensway is approximately 31,000 vehicles.

The legal speed limit on The Queensway is 50 km/h.

A pedestrian crossover is located on The Queensway just east of Penhurst Avenue. As aforementioned, an eastbound TTC stop is located at the west approach of the intersection of The Queensway and Wesley Street.

Parking is currently prohibited anytime on the south side of The Queensway between Penhurst Avenue and Wesley Street. In addition, stopping is prohibited anytime in the area of the pedestrian crossover east of Penhurst Avenue.

The installation of a parking machine in the newly constructed parking lay-by in the area of 689 The Queensway will provide for additional on-street pay parking and be consistent in terms of hours of operation and rate of the existing Pay and Display Machines on The Queensway and at the intersection of the side streets.

The designation of a taxicab stand in the new parking lay-by during evening/night hours will provide for a safer and signed pick-up and drop-off area for taxicab drivers.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends that the existing No Parking Anytime prohibition on the south side of The Queensway, between Penhurst Avenue and Wesley Street be amended to permit the installation of a Pay and Display Machine on the south side of The Queensway, between a point 15 metres east of Penhurst Avenue and a point 25 metres east thereof, to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$1.00/hour. It is also recommended that a taxicab stand be designated for three taxicabs on the south side of The Queensway, between a point 15 metres east of Penhurst Avenue and a point 25 metres east thereof, during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Furthermore, TTC staff have been advised of the proposed parking prohibition amendment and have no concerns.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Area Map  
Attachment No. 2: Map – Proposed Parking Prohibition Amendment