



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Blackfriar Avenue - Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	February 18, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090051-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 the removal of a portion of the “No Parking Anytime” prohibition along the south side of Blackfriar Avenue near 15 Blackfriar Avenue and 25 Blackfriar Avenue. By removing this regulation, on-street parking up to the City-wide maximum of three hours will be allowed on one side of the road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Blackfriar Avenue between Dixon Road and Kingsview Boulevard.
2. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the east and south side of Blackfriar Avenue between Dixon Road and a point 90 metres north of Dixon Road.
3. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the east side of Blackfriar Avenue between a point 130 metres north and east of Dixon Road and Kingsview Boulevard.
4. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the west and north side of Blackfriar Avenue between Dixon Road and a point 255 metres north and east of Dixon Road.

5. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the west side of Blackfriar Avenue between Bridesburg Drive and Kingsview Boulevard.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$800.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a complaint about missing “No Parking Anytime” signs on Blackfriar Avenue. Upon checking the by-law, it was determined that parking was not allowed in front of 15-25 Blackfriar Avenue. The missing signs were subsequently replaced. Following the installation of the signs, we received telephone calls from area residents questioning the reasons for the signs to be installed as they were not previously posted in this area. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Blackfriar Avenue is an 8.5 metre wide, two-way local road, built to urban standards with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. Currently, a “No Parking Anytime” regulation is posted on both sides of the road between Dixon Road and Kingsview Boulevard, with the exception of in front of the apartment at 15 Bridesburg Drive (abutting Blackfriar Avenue). The street is comprised of single family homes, townhouses and apartments.

The area in question is abutting a townhouse complex on the south side (15-25 Blackfriar Avenue) with a total of 40 units. On the north side is a park and a multi-story residential building.

Our review of the historical parking patterns on Blackfriar Avenue determined that despite the fact the by-law existed, signs had not been posted in front of 15 and 25 Blackfriar Avenue for a number of years. As a result, to determine the desire of area residents, Transportation Services staff sent out a parking survey to the 40 townhouses at 15-25 Blackfriar Avenue. We offered two options, either to remove a portion of the “No Parking Anytime” regulations on the south side of Blackfriar Avenue abutting the townhouse complex, or retain the recently installed signs.

This survey received an acceptable response rate with 22 of 40 (55%) responding. Of those who responded, 20 (91%) supported the removal of the “No Parking Anytime” regulation abutting number 15 and 25, with one resident indicating they wanted to retain the “No Parking Anytime” regulation, and with one spoiled ballot. In order for the proposed parking prohibition to be installed, a minimum of 50% of the polled residents must respond to the parking survey, and from this response rate, the majority of the residents must agree with the proposed parking prohibitions.

Based on the positive response rate to our survey, and that the majority requested that a portion of the parking regulation be removed, we can support this action. This report will also amend the by-law to reflect the three hour parking limit (unposted) that exists in front of 15 Bridesburg Drive.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map

APPENDIX A

40 Km/h Speed Limit Warrant – Chetta Place

A. ROAD WIDTH		
1.	(i)	Pavement width equal to or greater than 10.5 metres and the 85 th percentile speed is equal to or less than 50 km/h
OR		
	(ii)	Pavement width less than 10.5 metres
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		<i>PAVEMENT WIDTH: 9.8 to 15 metres</i> <i>85TH PERCENTILE SPEED: 34 km/h</i>

AND

B. PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT		
1.	(i)	Elementary or junior high school abuts the road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
OR		
	(ii)	Parkland abuts the road which is contiguous to and used to gain access to an elementary or junior high school Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR		
	(iii)	Absence of sidewalk on both sides of the road or a major portion of the road Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

OR

C. ROAD AND TRAFFIC ENVIRONMENT		
1.	(i)	Two or more locations where grades are greater than 5%; and/or safe speed on curves is less than 50 km/h Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR		
	(ii)	2 or more locations where there is lack of sufficient distance to stop safely traveling at 50 km/h Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR		
	(iii)	Pattern of collisions where vehicle speed was identified as a factor Local streets – 3 or more over 3 years Other streets – 5 or more over 3 years Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>