



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Mars Road - Parking Regulation Amendment

Date:	June 12, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 1 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090105-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 introduction of a parking prohibition on the north side of Mars Road, and the removal of the parking prohibition from the south side. This parking regulation will ensure good sightlines for motorists exiting from the area driveways while maintaining two-way travel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the south side of Mars Road between Highway 27 and Baywood Road.
2. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Mars Road between Highway 27 and Baywood Road.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a petition signed by the majority of the businesses (3 of 5) representing 6 and 11 Mars Road, as well as 50 Baywood Drive requesting that instead of parking being prohibited on the south side of the road, that the parking be prohibited on the north side and allowed on the south side. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Mars Road is a 9.8 metres wide two-way local road built to urban standards with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Sidewalk is located on the south side of this industrial road which is located east of Highway 27, north of Albion Road. Parking is currently prohibited on the south side of this road at all times.

The parking regulations on Mars Road were recently installed pursuant to a 21 signature petition we received representing businesses on Baywood Road, south of Mars Road as well as Mars Road. Petitioners requested that parking be prohibited on Baywood Road as well as on the south side of Mars Road. At the time, parking of trucks was occurring on the south side of the road, and as no posted regulations existed, if a vehicle also parked on the north side of the road, two-way traffic could not be accommodated.

Following the installation of these signs, Transportation Services staff was contacted by an area business owner on Mars Road stating that with the parking now occurring on the north side of the road, sightlines for motorists exiting from the area businesses is impeded. Currently, four driveways exist on the north side of the road, with one driveway on the south side. We did observe trucks parking in the area of the driveways, west of Baywood Road during our investigations.

While Transportation Services does not support allowing parking on both sides of the road, we are supportive of allowing parking on whatever side of the road that the majority of businesses are requesting, which is now the south side. This report will reverse the parking regulations such that parking will now be prohibited on the north side of the road and allowed on the south side of the road up to the city wide three hour maximum.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map