



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Nearctic Drive – Parking Regulation Amendments

<b>Date:</b>	August 21, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090117-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 obtain approval for the installation of a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on the south side and a portion of the north side of Nearctic Drive between Highway 27 and Queen’s Plate Drive.

This proposed standing prohibition will address traffic congestion and sightline concerns caused by trucks parked on both sides of the road.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. Enacting a “No Standing Anytime” prohibition on the south side of Nearctic Drive between Highway 27 and Queen’s Plate Drive.
2. Enacting a “No Standing Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Nearctic Drive between Highway 27 and a point 58 metres further east.

#### Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Services Division received a request from the office of Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North, on behalf of the business on the south side of Nearctic Drive (Toyota) concerned about traffic congestion on the street when cars and trucks park on both sides of the road. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

## **COMMENTS**

Nearctic Drive is a two-way local industrial road that provides access between Highway 27 and Queen's Plate Drive. This 10.0 metre wide roadway is built to urban standards (i.e. curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Parking regulations are not posted on this street and therefore the unsigned city wide three-hour limit applies. A Toyota dealership occupies the south side of the road and a newly constructed plaza exists on the north side. A Tim Hortons also exists on the northeast corner of Highway 27 and Nearctic Drive.

Staff has observed parking on both sides of the road. Often the vehicles parked on this street are transport trucks and the drivers are stopping and accessing the Tim Hortons. Parking on both sides of the road does reduce the effective width of the road and makes two-way travel more difficult. In addition, when the trucks are parked on the north side of the road, they are often in front of walkways that provide access to the Tim Hortons. When this occurs, pedestrians crossing the street at this location have difficulty seeing around the vehicles parked on the road.

The proposed standing prohibition, in conjunction with the associated signage, will help deter on-street parking on both sides of the road and improve sightlines for pedestrians crossing the road. Curb space will still exist that will be large enough to accommodate a tractor trailer, however, it will only be on the one side of the road and not directly in front of the walkways to the Tim Hortons.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map