

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Stopping Prohibitions: Roe Avenue

Date:	December 8, 2008
То:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	ny09003

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend the current no parking anytime restriction on the south side of Roe Avenue to no stopping anytime on the south side of Roe Avenue, between Avenue Road and a point 60 metres west of Elm Road.

The implementation of the no stopping regulation on the south side of Roe Avenue between Avenue Road and a point 60 metres west of Elm Road will discourage motorists associated with the businesses on Avenue Road from parking on both sides of the roadway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the "No Parking Anytime" restriction on the south side of Roe Avenue from the easterly limit of Avenue Road to the westerly limit of the former City of Toronto Boundary; and 2. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to prohibit stopping anytime, on the south side of Roe Avenue, from Avenue Road to a point 60 metres west of Elm Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendments to the stopping regulations are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2009 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by the local residents of Roe Avenue, between Avenue Road and Elm Road, to review the feasibility of amending the parking regulations by installing No Stopping Anytime regulations on the south side of Roe Avenue.

The residents are concerned that vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway restrict the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and access/egress to/from residential driveways.

COMMENTS

Roe Avenue is a two-way local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres. No municipal sidewalks on the either side of Roe Avenue, with the exception of the short section adjacent to the commercial properties on the north side.

Currently, parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of Roe Avenue between Avenue Road and a point 60 metres west of Elm Road and parking is prohibited from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of the roadway from a point 25 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 58 metres west of Elm Road. Two on-street parking metered spaces are located on the north side of Roe Avenue between Avenue Road and 25 metres east.

Observations conducted throughout the day have confirmed that vehicles are parked on both sides of Roe Avenue, between Avenue Road and Elm Road. The majority of motorists parking on Roe Avenue are generated by the businesses on Avenue Road. This parking/stopping activity results in two-way traffic flow being restricted. Additionally, access/egress to the residential driveways is impeded and motorist sight lines when exiting the driveways are restricted.

It should be noted that the difference between the No Parking Anytime and No Stopping Anytime regulations is that within a No Parking Anytime area, motorists are permitted to stand temporarily for the purpose of loading or unloading merchandise and or passengers, also persons with disabled parking permits are permitted to park up to periods of 24 hours.

However, within a No Stopping Anytime area motorists including persons with disabilities are not permitted to stop even momentarily unless to avoid conflict with other traffic. Furthermore, the set fines for parking in a No Parking Anytime area is \$30.00 where the set fines for parking in a No Stopping Anytime area is \$60.00.

Therefore, in order to further discourage the parking activity and improve vehicle circulation for two-way traffic and access to residential driveways, it is recommended that stopping be prohibited at anytime on the south side, from Avenue Road, between Avenue Road and Elm Road.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of the recommendations in this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Roe Av: Stopping Prohibitions (*ny09003_map*)