

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by: Councillor David Shiner

RE: Finch Avenue E. – Parking Facilities

SUMMARY:

Zoning amendments along Finch Avenue E. under the current Official Plan permits existing single family homes to be converted to mixed and commercial uses. The Official Plan also permits many commercial uses of the lands. Often these applications have insufficient parking available on site which may create difficulties in the existing stable residential communities nearby. When considering applications in other areas of the City and working with the Toronto Parking Authority, many neighbourhood parking facilities have been constructed.

The City owns and operates Carefree Lodge, a long-term care facility on Finch Avenue E. near Bayview Avenue. Employees, visitors and volunteers experience great difficulty in finding parking and may welcome additional parking nearby.

With a number of new commercial uses being approved or under consideration in the area and the parking difficulties experienced at Carefree Lodge it may be worthwhile to explore city owned parking facilities along Finch Avenue E. between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue in Ward 24.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director of City Planning for the North York District in consultation with the Toronto Parking Authority report to the April 21, 2009 meeting of the North York Community Council with recommendations on ways to provide Green P (city owned/operated) parking facilities along Finch Avenue E. in Ward 24 to meet the growing need for additional parking in the area.