

## **Parking Prohibitions: Keele Street**

<b>Date:</b>	February 26, 2009
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 8 – York West</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ny09013

### **SUMMARY**

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To obtain approval to prohibit parking on both sides of Keele Street from The Pond Road to Canarctic Drive.

The implementation of the proposed parking prohibitions will eliminate on-street parking activity on the east side of Keele Street, north of The Pond Road and improve motorist's safety.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. No Parking Anytime prohibition be installed on both sides of Keele Street from the northerly limit of The Pond Road to the southerly limit of Canarctic Drive

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the installation of the parking regulations are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2009 Operating Budget estimates.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services Division, North York District has received a complaint that motorists are parking on the east side of Keele Street in the unused Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) bus bay. This activity resulted in long term parking on this section of roadway and at times vehicles are parked protruding into the curb lane.

## **COMMENTS**

Keele Street is classified as a major arterial roadway with a posted speed limit of 60 km/h. The intersection of Keele Street at The Pond Road is currently controlled by traffic control signals. The lane configuration on this section of roadway consists of two southbound lanes and a dedicated left turn lane. The northbound configuration consists of two through-lanes, a dedicated left turn lane and a right turning lane, buses excepted. On the far side of the intersection in the northbound direction is an unused bus bay, which was abandoned in 2005 when the TTC elected to locate their northbound transit stop near-side of the intersection.

A review of the existing traffic by-laws for this section of roadway has indicated that three hour parking is currently permitted on both sides of Keele Street from Finch Avenue West to Steeles Avenue West.

Our review of the area has confirmed that the students from York University are utilizing the unused bus bay, on the east side of Keele Street, north of The Pond Road for long term parking. This parking activity is obstructing northbound curb lane traffic flow as the vehicles parked on the tapers protrude into the curb lane and has resulted in pedestrians crossing the roadway mid block.

Given that three-hour parking is also permitted on the west side, the students may simply elect to park on this side of the roadway within the southbound curb lane. In view of the traffic volumes and the tankers serving the oil tank farm, parking would be less than desirable and may in result in an increase in congestion.

The removal of the three-hour parking limit on this section of roadway will not result in any negative impact on the adjacent institutional/commercial properties. The University currently provides their students with off-street parking, should they elect to purchase a parking pass. As for the commercial property on the west side of Keele Street ample on-site parking is provided for their patrons and all illegal parking is strictly enforced.

It should be noted that a review of the Toronto Police Service Collision Data has indicated that there have been no pedestrian incidents or collisions involving parked vehicles have occurred on this section of roadway since January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2008.

Therefore, in order to reduce the potential for vehicle conflicts and mid-block pedestrian crossings, this Section recommends that parking be prohibited at anytime on both sides of Keele Street from The Pond Road to Canarctic Road.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment: Map – Parking Prohibitions on Keele St from The Pond Rd to Canarctic Rd (*ny09013\_map*)