

Stopping Prohibitions: Finch Avenue East

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 23 – Willowdale Ward 24 – Willowdale
Reference Number:	<i>ny09041</i>

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit stopping at anytime on both sides of Finch Avenue East between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue.

The implementation of the proposed stopping prohibitions will improve transit operations by eliminating on-street parking and passenger pick up and drop off activity on both sides of Finch Avenue East, between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue.

The stopping prohibitions will address operational concerns of the Toronto Transit Commission with respect to negative impact on transit operation caused by passenger pick-up and drop-off activity as well as vehicles occasionally parking on both sides of Finch Avenue between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue. The introduction of 'No Stopping, Anytime' regulation will address on-street pick-up and drop-off and stopping activity occurring on both sides of Finch Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council:

1. delete the existing No Parking Anytime prohibitions on both sides of Finch Avenue East between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue; and
2. prohibit stopping at anytime both sides of Finch Avenue East from Yonge Street to Kenneth Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the stopping regulations are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2009 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), to review the feasibility of prohibiting stopping on both sides of Finch Avenue East from Yonge Street to Kenneth Avenue.

TTC is concerned that vehicles are stopping/parking on both sides of Finch Avenue East between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue for the purpose of passenger pick-up and drop-off. As a result, TTC vehicles are being blocked and are forced to manoeuvre around stopped/parked vehicles causing excessive delays. Furthermore, when vehicles are stopped/parked closer to the transit controlled traffic signal located at the TTC Bus station on the north side of Finch Avenue East, east of Yonge Street, TTC vehicles experience operational difficulties with access/egress movements to and from the Finch Station bus terminal.

COMMENTS

Currently, parking is prohibited at any time on both sides Finch Avenue East between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue. The westbound curb lane on Finch Avenue East is designated as a reserved lane for 'Public Transit Vehicle' only from the Finch Station Bus Terminal to Kenneth Avenue.

Observations conducted throughout the day have confirmed that motorists were stopping to pick up and drop off passengers on both sides of the subject section of Finch Avenue East. During the off-peak period, delivery vehicles were observed parking on the south side of Finch Avenue East, immediately east of Yonge Street.

In order to eliminate the passenger pick up and drop off activity along with the parking of delivery trucks, it is recommended that stopping be prohibited at anytime on both sides of Finch Avenue East between Yonge Street and Kenneth Avenue.

Councillor John Filion has been advised of our recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Finch Av E; Stopping Prohibitions (*ny09041_map*)