

Parking Prohibitions: Edithvale Drive

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 23 – Willowdale
Reference Number:	<i>ny09043</i>

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 the City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to prohibit parking at anytime on the west side of Edithvale Drive and to allow three hour parking on the east side of Edithvale Drive, from Finch Avenue to Holcolm Road.

The implementation of the parking regulations will address the concerns of the Edithvale Community Centre regarding temporary parking during construction of the new community centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit parking at anytime on the west side of Edithvale Drive from Bevdale Avenue to Holcolm Road;
2. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to delete No Stopping 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday on the east side of Edithvale Drive from the southerly limit of Finch Avenue West to a point 204 m south of the southerly limit of Finch Avenue West; and

3. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to install 20 Minute Parking 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday on the east side of Edithvale Drive from a point 88 m south of Finch Avenue to a point 110 m southerly thereof.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division was requested by Councillor John Filion, on behalf of the Edithvale Community Centre, to amend the current parking regulations in the vicinity of the community centre to address reduced on-site parking caused by the current construction of the new community centre.

COMMENTS

A new Edithvale Community Centre is currently under construction and is being built adjacent to the current community centre. Construction of the new community centre is to be completed in 2010 and to facilitate construction and to provide construction access, a portion of the on-site parking lot has been removed and one driveway access has been designated for construction use only. Approximately 25 parking spaces have been removed and conversion of the second driveway access for construction traffic only has impacted the pick-up/drop-off activity for a daycare facility located within the community centre. Consequently during construction there is a shortage of on-site parking for users of the community centre and on-site circulation for pick-up/drop-off activity has been compromised. To off-set the temporary loss of on-site parking and to provide an alternative pick-up/drop-off area, Transportation Services Division, North York District have reviewed potential parking options on local roadways surrounding the community centre.

Edithvale Drive and Holcolm Road are contiguous to the Edithvale Community Centre on the west and south sides of the centre respectively. Both roadways are classified as local roads and are 8.5 m in width and have a 50 km/h speed limit. Currently on the west side of Edithvale Drive, opposite the centre, parking is prohibited from Finch Avenue to Bevdale Avenue and parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours from Bevdale Avenue to Holcolm Road. On the east side of Edithvale Drive a No Stopping restriction is in effect from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, from Finch Avenue to a point 204 m south of Finch Avenue with parking permitted for a maximum period of three hours outside of this time period. From the end of this No Stopping zone to Holcolm Road (approximately 60 m) parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours. On the north side of Holcolm Road, parking is permitted for a maximum period of

three hours between Edithvale Drive and Tamworth Road with no parking allowed on the south side of Holcolm Road across this same section.

Management staff at the Edithvale Community Centre indicate on-street parking during construction is required for users of the centre and that typically users will park for periods of up to 3 hours. Given this requirement, the current parking restrictions on Holcolm Road are adequate however the parking restrictions on Edithvale Drive need to be amended to create 3 hour parking on the east side of Edithvale Drive from Finch Avenue to Holcolm Road. In addition, to provide a pick-up/drop-off area, the parking restrictions on the east side of Edithvale Drive in front of the community centre need to be amended to provide 20 minute parking. To ensure two-way traffic flow is maintained on Edithvale Drive, it will also be required to prohibit parking on the west side of Edithvale Drive along this same section of roadway.

Implementing the parking regulation changes on Edithvale Drive will address the temporary parking demands of community centre users; will provide a convenient pick-up/drop-off area; and will promote safe and efficient two-way traffic operations on Edithvale Drive. Upon completion of the new community centre in 2010 the parking regulations on Edithvale Drive will need to be re-evaluated.

Councillor John Filion has been advised and supports the recommendations in this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Map – Edithvale Drive; Parking Prohibitions