

## **Stopping Prohibitions: Harrison Garden Boulevard**

<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2009
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 23 – Willowdale</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny09033</i>

### **SUMMARY**

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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 prohibit stopping on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard between Humberstone Drive and Avondale Avenue and to permit parking for a maximum period of 20 minutes on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from a point 60 m south of Avondale Avenue to a point 72 m south of Avondale Avenue.

The stopping prohibition will address residents' concerns with respect to loading and unloading activity on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard and the 20 minute parking will address excessive on-street parking occurring on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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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 delete No Parking Anytime on the east and north sides of Harrison Garden Boulevard from the southerly limit of Avondale Avenue to the easterly limit of Harrison Garden Boulevard;

2. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to delete the No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday to Friday on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from a point 60 metres south of the southerly limit of Avondale Avenue to a point 140 metres southerly thereof;
3. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit parking anytime on the east and north sides of Harrison Garden Boulevard from Humberstone Drive to the easterly limit of Harrison Garden Boulevard;
4. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit stopping anytime on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from Avondale Avenue to Humberstone Drive;
5. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit parking 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday to Friday on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from a point 72 metres south of Avondale Avenue to a point 140 metres southerly thereof;
6. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to install 20 Minute Parking on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from a point 60 metres south of Avondale Avenue to a point 72 metres southerly thereof.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the parking prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2009 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor John Fillion on behalf of area residents, to review the feasibility of prohibiting stopping on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from Humberstone Drive to Avondale Avenue and to introduce a 20 minute parking zone on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard.

The residents are concerned that vehicles park on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard to load/unload goods. During this activity the goods are carted across Harrison Garden Boulevard to several businesses located on the west side of the roadway in a commercial plaza. Residents along the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard have raised concerns regarding the noise and fumes from idling vehicles as well the loading activity across the roadway.

On the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard due to extended parking, vehicles often park outside the designated parking zone in close proximity to residential driveways thereby causing sight line obstructions for vehicles exiting the driveways.

## **COMMENTS**

Currently, parking is prohibited on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard. On the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard, parking is prohibited from 7:00 am to 10:00 am, Monday to Friday with parking permitted for periods of up to three hours outside of these times. Directly in front of a commercial plaza, there exists a parking zone for approximately two vehicles. No parking is allowed on either side of this parking area as driveways for the commercial plaza as well as the adjacent condominiums exist.

Observations conducted throughout the day have confirmed that delivery vehicles often park on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard to load and unload goods. This is an allowed activity within a No Parking zone. Observations also confirm that on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard, directly in front of the commercial plaza, vehicles often park for extended periods of time within the parking zone, thereby preventing optimum use of this zone and encouraging vehicles to illegally park in the no parking areas adjacent to this zone and the driveways.

In order to eliminate the loading activity on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard, it is recommended that stopping be prohibited at anytime. Vehicle loading and unloading can be accommodated on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard within an existing No Parking zone which extends from Avondale Avenue to a point 60 m south of Avondale Avenue. This No Parking zone lies to the north of the commercial plaza on-street parking area. To prevent long term parking and to improve the turn-over of parking, it is recommended that 20 minute parking be introduced on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard from a point 60 m south of Avondale Avenue to a point 72 m south of Avondale Avenue.

The installation of stopping restrictions on the east side of Harrison Garden Boulevard will address residents concerns regarding loading and unloading activities. The introduction of a 20 minute parking limit on the west side of Harrison Garden Boulevard will improve parking availability and improve egress from the adjacent driveways.

Councillor John Filion supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Harrison Garden Boulevard; Stopping Prohibitions (*ny09033\_map*)