



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Parking Regulation Amendments including Metered Parking on the North Side of Danforth Avenue in Front of a Church at 3150 Danforth Avenue

Date:	October 21, 2009
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc09074 D09-3259830 Danforth Ave parking and metered parking

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to a concern about lack of parking regulations and Pay and Display machines on the north side of Danforth Avenue in front of the church at 3150 Danforth Avenue. Staff has confirmed the need for parking regulations in order to prevent free parking in front of the church. Patrons of the church do not have access to church frontage on 3150 Danforth Avenue for parking purposes. Adjacent sections of Danforth Avenue are regulated by Pay and Display parking regulations; therefore patrons of the commercial area seeking to avoid paying for parking are attracted to this non-regulated area for periods exceeding 1 hour or more.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Standing” corner restrictions at Danforth Avenue at St. Dunstan Drive and at Madelaine Avenue. The “No Standing” corner restrictions are recommended to ensure appropriate sight lines are maintained in particular for vehicles exiting the church parking lot located just west of Madelaine Avenue.

In addition, Transportation staff, recommend the installation of 1 hour maximum Pay and Display parking, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Transportation Services is seeking approval to install on-street Metered Parking using “Pay and Display” Parking Machines on the north side of Danforth Avenue in front of the church at 3150 Danforth Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council recommend that City Council:

1. Enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 910, “Parking Machines”, as identified in Appendix 3 of this report.
3. Amend the appropriate by-law accordingly.

Financial Impact

The cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$3,500.00. Funding is available in the Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397. The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the funding required for the installation of a new pay and display machine on Danforth Avenue, including changes to the associated signage is available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2009 parking machine installation program.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Adrian Heaps about the lack of parking regulations and Pay and Display machines on the north side of Danforth Avenue in front of the church at 3150 Danforth Avenue, Transportation Services staff reviewed the current parking conditions on this roadway for the feasibility of installing pay and display parking on the north side of Danforth Avenue in front of the church. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns about the frequency and duration of long term parking observed on the north side of Danforth Avenue, in direct proximity to the church and the lack of metered on-street parking for patrons of the church. Further to approval by the Toronto Parking Authority Board, in consultation with ward Councillor Adrian Heaps, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of installing parking machines on the north side of Danforth Avenue at this location.

Metered Parking or Pay and Display parking machines are installed by the Toronto Parking Authority, subject to endorsement by Traffic Operations staff and adoption by City Council.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Danforth Avenue include:

- The land use on this section of Danforth Avenue is a place of worship and retail outlets on both east and west sides of 3150 Danforth Avenue.
- Danforth Avenue is a four-lane east-west arterial roadway with an unposted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.
- Danforth Avenue has a pavement width of approximately 16 metres.
- Our observations revealed frequent on-street parking.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install Metered Parking using “Pay and Display” Parking Machines on the north side of Danforth Avenue in front of the church at 3150 Danforth Avenue, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. The Toronto Parking Authority, in consultation with the local Councillor, recommends that the hours of revenue operation be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday at a rate of \$1.50 per hour up to a maximum of one hour. Approximately seven (7) on-street parking spaces will be created by this proposal.

We anticipate that the Parking Regulations will enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists including patrons of the church at 3150 Danforth Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (enact)
2. Enact the amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 910, “Parking Machines”, as identified in Appendix 3 of this report.
3. Location Plan – Existing and Proposed Parking Regulation Signs in Front of 3150 Danforth Avenue at St. Dunstan’s Church

Appendix 1

“No Standing” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Danforth Avenue	North	St. Dunstan Drive	15 metres east of St. Dunstan Drive	Anytime
Danforth Avenue	North	Madelaine Avenue	18 Metres west of Madelaine Avenue	Anytime

Appendix 2

“City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 910, Parking Machines, Respecting Danforth Avenue” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) Between	(In Column 4) Hours Daily As Indicated	(In Column 5) Fee/Time Limit	(In Column 6) Maximum Parking
Danforth Avenue	North	A point 15 metres east of St. Dunstan Drive to 36 metres further east	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday	\$1.50 for 1 hour	1 hour
Danforth Avenue	North	A point 15 metres east of St. Dunstan Drive to 36 metres further east	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday	\$1.50 for 1 hour	1 hour