



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Waterford Drive – Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	February 11, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 4 – Etobicoke Centre
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100044-to

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to request approval of a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.” regulation on both sides of Waterford Drive, from Wincott Drive to a point 91 metres east of Wincott Drive, and to implement a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on both sides of Wincott Drive, between Eglinton Avenue West and Waterford Drive.

This proposed parking prohibitions will deter on-street parking in the area near the intersection of Waterford Drive and Wincott Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.” regulation on both sides of Waterford Drive, between Wincott Drive and a point 91 metres east of Wincott Drive.
2. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on both sides of Wincott Drive between Eglinton Avenue West and Waterford Road.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, forwarding a petition signed by a number of residents on Waterford Drive, requesting that parking prohibitions be installed on a portion of Waterford Drive. However, the request was to prohibit parking on both sides of Waterford Road between Wincott Drive and a point 200 metres east of Wincott Drive, in which only about half of the affected residents had signed the petition. Further communications with the area Councillor, Transportation Services Staff and area residents, resulted in the requested area being significantly reduced to include only the area abutting the properties which signed the petition. A map of the area is Attachment 1. Attachment 2. provides an aerial photograph of the subject location. Attachment 3. provides photographs of on street parking and the parking lot at 265 Wincott Drive.

COMMENTS

Waterford Drive is an 8.5 metre wide, two-way local road located in the community north of Eglinton Avenue West and west of Islington Avenue. In the vicinity of the Waterford Drive and Wincott Drive intersection, Waterford Drive has a speed limit of 40 km/h with a sidewalk located on the south side of the street. An all-way STOP control is located at the intersection of Waterford Drive and Wincott Drive.

Although the majority of the street consists of residential lots, commercial properties are located on both sides of Wincott Drive, at the intersection of Waterford Drive. Of particular concern to adjoining residents is on-street parking generated by patrons of the retail plaza (265 Wincott Drive) located at the southeast corner of the Wincott Drive/Waterford Drive intersection. Parking on both streets is currently limited to a maximum of three hours.

The petition, signed by a number of Waterford Drive residents, was submitted to the area Councillor requesting amendments to the parking regulations on a portion of Waterford Drive. Although the petition requested that parking be prohibited between Wincott Drive and a point 200 metres east, the signatures on the petition indicated support from only the residents located within the west half of the requested area. Subsequent communications involving the area Councillor, Transportation Services staff and area residents concluded that, at this time, we will review only the area encompassing the residents who signed the original petition. As a result, it was unanimously agreed upon by all of the abutting residents that parking be prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Concerns regarding overflow parking from the retail plaza located at 265 Wincott Drive onto the residential streets date back prior to occupancy of the building. As a result studies and monitoring of this location has taken place over a significant time period.

The following table summarizes some of the observations of on-street parking within the subject area.

Date	Time	Number of Vehicles
October 13, 2006	10:45 a.m.	5
October 30, 2006	9:10 a.m.	1
November 1, 2006	10:35 a.m.	4
November 3, 2006	10:15 a.m.	1
November 7, 2006	10:40 a.m.	1
May 5, 2009 (Sat.)	12:30 p.m.	2
June 9, 2009	9:45 a.m.	1
June 19, 2009	10:50 a.m.	3
September 16, 2009	12:30 p.m.	4
February 17, 2010	1:00 p.m.	3

During our most recent visit to this area (February 17, 2009) it was noted that two of the units retail at 265 Wincott Drive are currently un-occupied. Despite this, only one parking spot was observed empty and that three vehicles were parked on Waterford Drive. Furthermore, it was noted that two sets of vehicles were parked in tandem outside of the designated parking spaces near the south limit of the plaza parking lot. One set of vehicles was recorded within the area designated for garbage collection, with the other set parking in the adjacent stall. This would indicate that the vehicles belong to employees of the various businesses within the complex, as some of the vehicles require relocating one of the vehicles before they are able to exit the parking stall.

In addition to the above noted observations, Transportation Services staff continually monitored this area, noting similar results to the above study data.

Although we are aware that a parking area for employees may be created within the vacant land located to the south of the retail plaza, we feel that the proposed parking regulations are still appropriate.

Therefore, based on our observations, in consultation with the area Councillor and effected residents, we are recommending that “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.” regulations be installed on both sides of Waterford Drive between Wincott Drive and 91 metres east of Wincott Drive.

Although not specifically requested by the community, we are also recommending that “No Parking Anytime” regulations be posted on both sides of Wincott Drive between Eglinton Avenue West and Waterford Drive.

During our studies no instances of vehicles were recorded parking on Wincott Drive. However, should the availability of overflow parking be removed from Waterford Drive, Transportation Services staff have concerns that these motorists may then park legally on Wincott Drive. Due to significant traffic volumes on Wincott Drive, concerns with motorists parking on Wincott Drive could lead to increased congestion near the intersection of Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive. In addition, parked vehicles may not permit two-way traffic to be maintained. Therefore, additional parking prohibitions should be installed on Wincott Drive to reduce the potential for vehicles to park near the intersection.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Area Map
Attachment 2: Aerial Photograph of the area
Attachment 3: Photographs