



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Milford Avenue - Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	January 21, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 12 – York South-Weston
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100034-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 amend the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the south side of Milford Avenue, to allow parking on the south side of the street between Keele Street and a point 60 metres east of Keele Street, for the period from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. This regulation will be reviewed six months after the signs are installed to determine if the regulation should remain, or if any amendments are required, including reinstating the “No Parking Anytime” signs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

Rescinding the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the south and west side of Milford Avenue, from the east limit of Keele Street to the north limit of Densley Avenue.

Enacting a “No Parking, 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the south side of Milford Avenue, from Keele Street to a point 60 metres east of Keele Street.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$700.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from the Ward Councillor to amend the existing evening parking regulations on Milford Avenue. This amendment is necessary to accommodate the parking demand generated by a number of businesses on Keele Street, including the Meridian Banquet and Convention Centre at 2301 Keele Street. The revised parking regulation will allow on-street parking between 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Milford Avenue is an industrial road situated in the former City of North York. The area is bordered by the following streets: Keele Street to the west; Lawrence Avenue to the north; the Canadian National Railway corridor to the east; and, Eglinton Avenue West to the south. The limits of Milford Avenue extend west to east from Keele Street to Densley Avenue, respectively.

Classified as a two-lane local road, Milford Avenue has an average road width of 8.5 metres. Continuous poured raised concrete curb defines the travelled portion of the road. There are no sidewalks on Milford Avenue, except for a section on the north side of the road from Keele Street to about 50 metres further east.

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on both sides of Milford Avenue. The proposed amendment will allow on-street parking for about six vehicles between 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., on the south side of Milford Avenue, along the Milford Avenue frontage of 2301 Keele Street (Meridian Banquet & Convention Centre). Allowing parking on this section of Milford Avenue reduces the road width by about 2.5 metres, but still provides a 6.0 metres width acceptable for two-way traffic operation.

Many of the adjoining land uses are occupied by public garages and used car dealerships that exhibit a high demand for vehicle parking. At present, the existing parking prohibition discourages vehicle parking generated by these businesses from occurring on-street and in front of adjoining properties. Spill-over parking from these types of uses is typically viewed as a nuisance and undesirable by most commercial property owners since it often results in street parking of derelict and unplated vehicles. We are concerned that encouraging on-street parking in this section of Milford Avenue will be seen as a precedent by existing businesses to park surplus vehicles on-street, resulting in requests

to relax the existing parking restrictions to allow overflow parking from adjoining public garages. For this reason, we are recommending approval on a temporary basis only so that we can monitor the parking situation.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map
Attachment 2: Photos