



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Uphill Avenue – Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	February 8, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100052-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to remove the “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on Uphill Avenue, replacing it with a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on both sides of the street, between Pelmo Crescent and Woodward Avenue.

This proposed prohibition will address traffic congestion, sight line obstructions and the excessive parking of vehicles by disabled permit holders who park on both sides of the road.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit services on these streets, City Council approval of the report is required. TTC staff has been advised of this recommendation and has not objected to this proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council approve:

1. Enacting a “No Standing Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Uphill Avenue, between Pelmo Crescent and Woodward Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division received a request from the office of Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11, York South-Weston, on behalf of residents of Uphill Avenue who live between Pelmo Crescent and Woodward Avenue. These residents are concerned about traffic congestion, and sight line obstructions created by long-term on-street vehicle parking by disabled permit holders in the “No Parking Anytime” zone currently posted on-street. A map of the area is Attachment 1. Attachment 2 shows an aerial photograph of the subject location.

COMMENTS

Uphill Avenue is a two-way collector road providing access between Pelmo Crescent and Church Street. This 8.5 metre wide road is built to urban standards with curb and gutter. There are sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Uphill Avenue is also a TTC bus route with bus stops located at the northwest and southeast corners of Uphill Avenue and Woodward Avenue. An all-way stop control exists at the intersection of Uphill Avenue and Woodward Avenue.

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the east side of Uphill Avenue, between Pelmo Crescent and Woodward Avenue, and on the west side between Pelmo Crescent and a point 69 metres to the south. A similar prohibition exists on both sides of Uphill Avenue, between Woodward Avenue and Church Street.

Humber River Regional Hospital is located at the northwest corner of Uphill Avenue and Woodward Avenue. The hospital has on-site “pay and display” parking; as far as can be ascertained, a total of 188 spaces are available for visitors to park of which three (3) are designated for the physically disabled near the building’s main entrance.

Staff met with Councillor Nunziata and area residents on February 4, 2010 to discuss their concerns. Although the area is signed “No Parking Anytime,” vehicles with valid disabled permits can park in a “No Parking” zone without the risk of being ticketed. Staff observed parking on Uphill Avenue by vehicles with disabled permits despite ample off-street parking being available in the hospital parking lot. It appears that motorists’ park on Uphill Avenue to avoid having to pay for parking. An off-street parking occupancy study conducted by staff on February 18, 2010 showed that during peak parking demand (1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., weekdays) the existing three (3) designated spaces for the physically disabled were occupied. Notwithstanding this, between 22 and 33 regular spaces were available for off-street parking. Incidentally, staff observed two (2) vehicles with visible disabled permits parked on Uphill Avenue for the entire duration of the one-hour study suggesting that despite having opportunities to park off-street in regular spaces, they choose not to do so.

While vehicles with valid disabled permits can park in areas posted as “No Parking,” the same exemption does not apply to areas posted as “No Stopping”. This being the case, a proposed standing prohibition, in conjunction with the appropriate signage, should deter on-street parking by disabled permit holders. Furthermore, we will continue to examine the off-street parking requirements of Humber River Regional Hospital and whether they are required to increase the supply of spaces designated for the physically disabled.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	Map
Attachment 2:	Aerial Photo