



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Seneca Avenue – Parking Regulation Amendment

Date:	May 5, 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\eycc100089-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 propose a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on both sides of Seneca Avenue, from Weston Road to 49.0 metres further west. This is to deter vehicles from parking on this section of Seneca Avenue. These parked vehicles obstruct visibility for other road users and contribute to traffic congestion, on Seneca Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that the Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing “No Standing Anytime” regulation on both sides of Seneca Avenue from Weston Road to 49.0 metres further west.
2. Implementing a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on both sides of Seneca Avenue, from Weston Road to 49.0 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funding	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At a public meeting on May 4, 2010, Councillor Frances Nunziata, asked staff to consider installing “No Stopping Anytime” signs on both sides of Seneca Avenue, in the vicinity of the Tim Horton’s restaurant, that is located at the northwest corner of Seneca Avenue and Weston Road. Area residents and business owners express concern over the congestion created by passenger cars and heavy trucks parking on-street in front of Tim Horton’s, despite the existing “No Standing Anytime” regulation.

COMMENTS

Seneca Avenue is a local road providing two-way traffic flow on a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a speed limit of 50 km/h. Standing is prohibited at all times (which means, you may stop your vehicle only to load and unload passengers) on both sides of Seneca Avenue, from Weston Road to 49.0 metres further west. The attached map; Drawing Number EY07-167 (045), illustrates these regulations as well as other parking regulations existing on Seneca Avenue, from Weston Road to the west limit of the road.

We conducted field studies from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010, and observed both cars and trucks parking on both sides of Seneca Avenue, west of Weston Road. In some cases these vehicles were encroaching on the sidewalk. Most of the drivers of these parked vehicles were visiting the nearby Tim Horton’s.

These vehicles obstruct visibility and contribute to congestion at the west intersection approach. In addition, safety is compromised when motorists park partially on the sidewalk. It appears that the existing “No Standing Anytime” regulation and signs, displayed to that effect, do not deter these vehicles.

The implementation of a stopping prohibition indicates to motorist that they cannot stop their vehicle for all reasons, at all times, on both sides of the road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map
Attachment 2: Aerial Photo