

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# **Stopping Prohibitions: William Carson Crescent**

Date:	December 9, 2009
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 25 – Don Valley West
Reference Number:	ny10014

# **SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to prohibit stopping at anytime on both sides of William Carson Crescent, east of Yonge Street.

In order to implement pavement marking improvements at the intersection of Yonge Street and William Carson Crescent, it is required that stopping be prohibited on both sides of William Carson Crescent immediately east of Yonge Street.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that North York Community Council:

- 1. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to delete the existing prohibited parking any time on the north & west sides of William Carson Crescent from the easterly limit of Yonge Street to a point 200 Metres east of the easterly limit of Yonge Street;
- 2. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to delete the existing prohibited parking any time on the south side of William Carson Crescent from the easterly limit of Yonge Street to a point 54.8 metres east of the easterly limit of Yonge Street;

- 3. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit stopping at any time on the north side of William Carson Crescent from Yonge Street to a point 45.0 meters east thereof;
- 4. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit stopping any time on the south side of William Carson Crescent from Yonge Street to a point 54.8 metres east thereof; and
- 5. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, to prohibit parking at any time on the north & west sides of William Carson Crescent from a point 45 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 155 metres easterly thereof.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the parking prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget estimate.

# **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Cliff Jenkins on behalf of area residents, to review the traffic operations on William Carson Crescent at Yonge Street.

Staff has reviewed east/west traffic operations on William Carson Crescent at Yonge Street. Based on our review and analysis, we are proposing the introduction of an exclusive westbound left turn lane to improve westbound traffic operations at this intersection.

#### COMMENTS

Currently, the westbound direction is operating without the benefit of lane markings or lane dividers as westbound direction has unmarked shared single wide lane where left turn, through and right turn traffic movements are being utilized. The existing parking regulations on the north and south sides of William Carson crescent and Yonge Street are as follow:

- Parking is prohibited at any time on the north & west sides of William Carson Crescent from the easterly limit of Yonge Street to a Finch Avenue East to a point 200 meters east of the easterly limit of Yonge Street.
- Parking is prohibited at any time on south side of William Crescent from the easterly limit of Yonge Street to a point 54.8 metres east of the easterly limit of Yonge Street.

Staff investigations have identified that vehicles with disabled parking permits are continuously parking close to this signalized intersection on a daily basis. The drivers of these vehicles were found to be employees at the nearby office buildings located on the west side of Yonge Street and another driver was found crossing over to the York Mills subway. These parked vehicles block the westbound traffic movement on William Carson Crescent. Furthermore, the east leg of this intersection lies on a sharp curve with a down grade, as a result, westbound vehicles coming around curve must negotiate the sharp curve and then forced to divert around parked vehicles causing the westbound traffic to exercise evasive actions.

In order to ensure the effectiveness of the proposed pavement marking improvements to improve traffic operations, staff recommends that stopping be prohibited on both sides of William Carson Crescent east of Yonge Street.

Councillor Cliff Jenkins supports the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – William Carson Cres; Stopping Prohibitions (ny10014\_map)