

## **Stopping Prohibitions: Laird Drive**

<b>Date:</b>	February 11, 2010
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 26 – Don Valley West</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny10031</i>

### **SUMMARY**

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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 remove the existing parking metres on the west side of Laird Drive, north of Eglinton Avenue East and prohibit stopping at any time on both sides of Laird Drive, between Eglinton Avenue and Donlea Drive.

The removal of the two metered parking spaces and installation of stopping prohibitions will address the residents' concerns with respect to parked vehicles blocking residential driveways, illegally parked vehicles on the east side as well as obstructing two-way traffic flow along Laird Drive.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services Division recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Remove the two existing parking meters on the west side of Laird Drive located between a point 30.5 metres north of Eglinton Avenue East and a point 15 metres south of Donlea Drive;
2. Remove the existing no parking at anytime prohibition, on the east side of Laird Drive, between Eglinton Avenue and Donlea Drive; and
3. Prohibit stopping at anytime on both sides of Laird Drive from Eglinton Avenue East to Donlea Drive.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the removal of the existing parking meters will be borne by the Toronto Parking Authority. All costs associated with installation of the stopping prohibitions on Laird Drive are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget estimate.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor John Parker on behalf of area residents, to review the feasibility of prohibiting stopping on both sides of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Donlea Drive.

The residents are concerned that vehicles parked on west side of the roadway during the day restrict the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and access/egress to residential driveways. In addition, vehicles parked on the either side of Laird Drive particularly during peak volume periods restricts two-way traffic flow along this stretch of roadway.

## **COMMENTS**

Currently, on the west side of Laird Drive, between Eglinton Avenue and Donlea Drive, parking is permitted for periods of up to two hours at the two parking metered spaces. On the east side of Laird Drive, between Eglinton Avenue and Donlea Drive, parking is prohibited at anytime.

Observations conducted throughout the day have verified the residents' concerns that vehicles are continually parked on both sides of Laird Drive both legally in the metered spaces and illegally in the designated no parking areas immediately north of Eglinton Avenue. Vehicles parked at this location are generated from patrons of local businesses in the area.

In order to improve vehicle circulation for two-way traffic and access to residential driveways, it is recommended that stopping be prohibited at any time on both sides of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue and Donlea Drive.

The installation of stopping restrictions on the both sides of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue and Donlea Drive will improve the flow of two-way traffic and improve access to residential driveways.

Councillor John Parker supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Laird Drive; Stopping Prohibitions (*ny10031\_map*)