

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Stopping Prohibitions on Lawrence Avenue East, from Bridgeport Drive to Tributary Creek (440 metres east of Chesterton Shores)

Date:	December 15, 2009
То:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 44– Scarborough East
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1006 D09-3283960 Lawrence Bridgeport parking stopping

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to a concern about vehicles parked on south side of Lawrence Avenue East, to the immediate east of Port Union Road. This activity restricts the flow of traffic and interferes with transit operations. Staff has confirmed the need for revised stopping regulations in order to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow on Lawrence Avenue East. In addition the area residents have expressed their support for the no stopping regulations through the councillor's office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council recommend that City Council:

- 1. Rescind the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2. Enact the parking and stopping regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 3. Amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these stopping regulation signs is approximately \$5,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff has verified safety concerns from parked vehicles on the south side and occasionally the north side of Lawrence Avenue East during both night and morning. Traffic merging into and around these parked vehicles pose a safety risk that can be reduced with stricter restrictions and a reduction of parked obstacles.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Lawrence Avenue East include:

- The Toronto Transit Commission operates a revenue service along this portion of Lawrence Avenue East.
- The land use of this portion of Lawrence Avenue East is single family dwellings.
- Lawrence Avenue East, east of Port Union Road is a two-lane east-west collector road with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour and a traffic volume of approximately 7,000 vehicles per day.
- Bill Hancox Park in the Port Union Village Community is located along Lawrence Avenue East's south side from Bridgeport Drive to Port Union Road.
- Lawrence Avenue East has a pavement width of approximately 17.0 metres.
- Currently, parking is prohibited at anytime on the north side of Lawrence Avenue East from Port Union Road to Chesterton Shores. On the south side of this street, stopping is prohibited at anytime from Chesterton Shores to just west of Marine Approach Drive.
- The proposed by-law amendments will allow for enforcement of the parking regulations around the Go Station/Bill Hancox Park and provide clear sight lines for motorists along at this section of Lawrence Avenue East.

It is recommended that Transportation Services enact a "No Stopping Anytime", regulation on both sides of Lawrence Avenue East, from Port Union Road to Tributary Creek and the south side of Lawrence Avenue East from Bridgeport Drive to Tributary Creek.

This proposed regulations will help to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow on this roadway.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Appendix 1- By-law Amendment(rescind)
- 2. Appendix 2 By-law Amendment(enact)
- 1. Location Plan (Proposed Traffic Regulations Lawrence Avenue East)

Appendix 1

"No Parking" Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) Between	(In Column 4) Prohibited Times or Days			
Lawrence Avenue	North	Port Union Road and Chesterton Shores	Anytime			
"No Stopping" Regulation to be Rescinded						

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) Between	(In Column 4) Prohibited Times or Days
Lawrence Avenue East	South	Chesterton Shores and a point 330 metres west thereof	Anytime

Appendix 2

"No Stopping" Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) Between	(In Column 4) Prohibited Times or Days
Lawrence Avenue East	North	Port Union Road and Chesterton Shores	Anytime
Lawrence Avenue East	South	Bridgeport Drive and Chesterton Shores	Anytime

"No Stopping" Regulation to be Enacted

(In	(In	(In	То	(In
Column 1)	Column 2)	Column 3)		Column 4)
Highway	Side	From		Times or Days
Lawrence Avenue East	Both	Chesterton Shores	440 metres further east of Chesterton Shores (the tributary creek)	Anytime