



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Proposed No Standing Anytime Regulation on the east and west sides of Morningside Avenue – from Kingston Road to Lawrence Avenue East

Date:	April 6, 2010
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Wards 43 and 44 – Scarborough East
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1035 D10-3613551 Morningside Ave no standing regulation

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Scarborough Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision due to the TTC bus route on the subject roadway.

This report responds to a concern, on behalf of a community association, regarding drivers parking their vehicles on Morningside Avenue between Kingston Road and Lawrence Avenue East to visit nearby coffee shops. To mitigate this on-street parking problem, a No Standing Anytime regulation is recommended along the subject portion of Morningside Avenue, as outlined in this report.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install No Standing Anytime regulations in the subject area. These regulations will help to encourage clear sight lines along this portion of roadway as well as continuing to provide some temporary pick-up and drop-off benefits.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Enact the No Standing Anytime regulation(s), as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these stopping/standing prohibition 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

This report responds to a concern from a community association, regarding trucks parked on Morningside Avenue.

When vehicles park along Morningside Avenue between Kingston Road and Lawrence Avenue East, traffic flow is restricting, and congestion and obstructed sight lines for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians can occur. Staff has observed parking abuses in the subject area. It has been confirmed that this parking activity restricts the safe and efficient flow of north-south traffic and can create a sight obstruction for motorists exiting nearby mall driveways.

Adoption and installation of No Standing Anytime regulations will improve the sightlines in the area of the nearby traffic control signals and will also facilitate the Toronto Police Service Parking unit's enforcement efforts. Drivers will still have the option of utilizing the free parking available within both malls.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Morningside Avenue include:

- The land use on the subject portion of Morningside Avenue consists of commercial plazas on both sides of this road.
- The area is located in the West Hill neighbourhood.
- This portion of Morningside Avenue is a four-lane north-south minor arterial road with a posted speed limit of 60 kilometres per hour. The recorded daily vehicle volume is approximately 17,500 vehicles per day which indicates Morningside Avenue is functioning at the upper vehicle volume range of a minor arterial road (8,000 to 20,000 vehicles per day).
- Parking is prohibited anytime by a "default" corner restriction regulation within 30.5 metres of the three signalized intersections and parking is currently permitted in the remaining areas.

Staff anticipates that the proposed No Standing Anytime regulations on the subject portion of Morningside Avenue will enhance sight lines in the area, reduce parking related congestion and encourage safe and efficient traffic flow in this area, while still allowing quickly for passenger pick-up and drop-off.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (Enact)
2. Location Plan – Proposed No Standing Anytime Regulations on Morningside Avenue – from Kingston Road to Lawrence Avenue East

Appendix 1

“No Standing”
Regulation to be Enacted

Column 1 Highway	Column 2 Side	Column 3 Between	Column 4 Prohibited Times or Days
Morningside Avenue	East	Kingston Road and Lawrence Avenue East	Anytime
Morningside Avenue	West	Kingston Road and Lawrence Avenue East	Anytime