



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Parking Amendments – Austin Terrace from Austin Crescent to Lyndhurst Court

<b>Date:</b>	December 10, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul’s, Ward 21
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09209te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing “No Parking at Anytime” regulation that operates on the south side of Austin Terrace, from a point 83.8 metres east of Austin Crescent to a point 70.1 metres further east.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Adopt the recommendations outlined in Appendix “A”.

#### Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2010 Interim Operating Budget	\$800.00

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc to investigate and report on amending the parking regulations on the south side of Austin Terrace, between Austin Crescent and Lyndhurst Court, in order to provide additional on-street parking spaces.

## COMMENTS

Austin Terrace is a local roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 7.4 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40km/h. There is no TTC service on Austin Terrace.

The following parking regulations are in effect on the subject section of Austin Terrace:

North side:

- Parking is prohibited from the 16<sup>th</sup> day to the last day of each month, April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, and from December 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the next following year;
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of one-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from the 1<sup>st</sup> day to the 15<sup>th</sup> day each month, April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive; and
- Parking, when otherwise allowed, is permitted for a maximum period of three hours.

South side:

- Parking is prohibited at anytime from a point 83.8 metres east of Austin Crescent to a point 70.1 metres further east;
- Parking is prohibited from the 1<sup>st</sup> day to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, from Austin Crescent to a point 83.8 metres east, and from a point 153.9 metres east of Austin Crescent to Lyndhurst Court;
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from the 16<sup>th</sup> day to the last day of each month, April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> and from December 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the next following year, from Austin Crescent to a point 83.8 metres east of Austin Crescent and from a point 153.9 metres east of Austin Crescent to Lyndhurst Court.

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of area residents of Austin Terrace, Transportation Services investigated a request to rescind the “No Parking at Anytime” parking regulation in effect on the south side of Austin Terrace, from a point 83.8 metres east of Austin Crescent to a point 70.1 metres further east. We advised Councillor Mihevc that this regulation has been in effect prior to 1967. The road curves between Nos. 21 – 31 Austin Terrace. The parking restriction addressed this issue as it ensured motorists travelling around the curve had clear and unobstructed visibility of on-coming vehicular and pedestrian traffic. If a vehicle was to park within this area, motorists travelling eastbound could have been forced into the westbound vehicular traffic lane and motorists travelling westbound could have had an obstructed view of any oncoming traffic. Prohibiting parking within this area also provided motorists exiting their driveways with enhanced visibility of roadway conditions.

A site investigation confirmed that in order to maintain a safe clearance for motorists’ visibility, the existing “No Parking at Anytime” area could be reduced by approximately 16.0 metres and still provide motorists with unencumbered visibility. However, taking

into consideration the existing ramp servicing the driveway at No. 31 Austin Terrace, there would be only 12.0 metres of curbside space for vehicular parking. This would be sufficient space for approximately 2 vehicles. We provided Councillor Mihevc with our comments in an e-mail dated September 11, 2009.

In response to our e-mail, an on-site meeting was requested to further discuss the possibility of rescinding the entire “No Parking at Anytime” regulation on the subject section of Austin Terrace. This meeting was attended by staff of Transportation Services, residents of Austin Terrace and Councillor Joe Mihevc. At the meeting it was reiterated that Transportation Services would support rescinding the “No Parking at Anytime” regulation only within the portion of Austin Terrace described above. Following discussions, it was agreed that we could also support rescinding the “No Parking at Anytime” regulation in front of No. 21 Austin Terrace as it was concluded that this measure would not adversely affect vehicular movement. Rescinding the “No Parking at Anytime” regulation along this section of Austin Terrace, would provide an additional two on-street parking spaces. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the residents and Councillor Mihevc still supported rescinding the entire “No Parking at Anytime” regulation.

If, despite the above, the Toronto and East York Community Council determines to proceed with the request to rescind the entire “No Parking at Anytime” regulation on the south side of Austin Terrace from a point 83.8 metres east of Austin Crescent to a point 70.1 metres further east, (as supported by Councillor Mihevc and area residents) the recommendations outlined in Appendix “B” should be adopted.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No 421F-9861, dated December 2009
- (2) Appendix “A” – Proposed Recommendations
- (3) Appendix “B” – Requested Recommendations

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