



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Parking and turn restrictions - Vicinity of Yonge Street and Glen Elm Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	May 26, 2010
<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, Wards 22
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts10088te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to implement and/or rescind the following parking and traffic regulations in the vicinity of Yonge Street and Glen Elm Avenue.

- Rescind the northbound right-turn prohibition, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, at Yonge Street and Glen Elm Avenue;
- Implement a westbound left-turn prohibition, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on Glen Elm Avenue at Yonge Street; and
- Implement a 15-minute maximum parking regulation, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Yonge Street, fronting York School.

These regulations are intended to enhance student pick-up/drop-off opportunity, traffic circulation in the vicinity of York School at 1639 Yonge Street (commencing operations in September 2010), and minimize traffic infiltration in the adjacent residential neighbourhood.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the “No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays” regulation for northbound traffic on Yonge Street at Glen Elm Avenue.

2. City Council prohibit left-turns, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays. By westbound traffic on Glen Elm Avenue at Yonge Street.
3. City Council rescind the one-hour maximum parking regulation, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the east side of Yonge Street, from Lawton Boulevard to a point 47.0 metres south of Merton Street.
4. City Council restrict parking to a maximum of 15-minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Yonge Street, from a point 41.5 metres north of Glen Elm Avenue, to a point 18 metres further north.
5. City Council restrict parking to a maximum period of one-hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Yonge Street, from Glen Elm Avenue to a point 41.5 metres north, and from a point 59.5 metres north of Glen Elm Avenue to a point 47 metres south of Merton Street.
6. City Council restrict parking to a maximum period of one-hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the east side of Yonge Street, from Glen Elm Avenue to a point 47 metres south of Merton Street.

### **Financial Impact**

The estimated cost of installing the signage necessary to identify these parking/turn regulations would be about \$1,500.00. Funds are available within the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of representatives of the York School's north campus, located at No. 1639 Yonge Street, Transportation Services is reporting on implementing various traffic regulations on Yonge Street in the vicinity of Glen Elm Avenue. The intent of these regulations is to allow direct access to York School via Glen Elm Avenue, reduce westbound traffic backups on Glen Elm Avenue during school's pick-up/drop-off periods and provide an area for short-term parking opportunities on Yonge Street for school pick-ups and drop-offs.

### **COMMENTS**

Glen Elm Avenue, from Yonge Street to its easterly end, 40 metres east of Alvin Avenue is an east-west, local roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 6.4 metres, with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h.

Yonge Street, in the vicinity of Glen Elm Avenue, is a north-south major arterial roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 16.5 metres, with a maximum speed limit of 50 km/h. Northbound right-turns and southbound left-turns are prohibited from Yonge Street onto Glen Elm Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. There is TTC service operating on Yonge Street.

The following parking regulations are in effect on the east side of Yonge Street in the vicinity of No. 1639 Yonge Street:

- Stopping is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one-hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday; and
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three-hours at all other times.

Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of representatives of the new north campus of the York School, which will commence classes in September 2010, has requested Transportation Services to consider and implement the following parking and turn restriction amendments:

1. Rescind the No Right Turn, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday” regulation for northbound traffic on Yonge Street at Glen Elm Avenue

Rescinding this turn restriction will allow northbound motorists on Yonge Street to gain direct access to the York School via Glen Elm Avenue during the morning rush period. This eliminates the need for motorists to travel a more circuitous route by way of Heath Street East and Alvin Avenue or by cutting through the parking lot at the rear of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

2. Implement a No Left Turn, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday regulation for westbound traffic on Glen Elm Avenue at Yonge Street

Prohibiting westbound left-turns from Glen Elm Avenue onto Yonge Street during the peak student pick-up/drop-off times at the soon to be operational York School will improve safety at this intersection and reduce potential westbound back-ups on Glen Elm Avenue that caused by motorists waiting for gaps in Yonge street traffic flow to undertake this movement.

3. Restrict parking to a maximum of 15 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Yonge Street, fronting York School.

Implementing this short-duration parking regulation on Yonge Street, fronting York School, will promote parking turnover at this location, thereby providing more frequent opportunities for all motorists to park within this area, including the parents and guardians of children being picked up or dropped off at York School.

These regulations, coupled with amendments to the parking regulations on the south side of Glen Elm Avenue that are delegated matters and outlined in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council, are intended to enhance student pick-up/drop-off opportunity, and traffic circulation in the vicinity of York School, and to minimize traffic infiltration in the adjacent residential neighbourhood.

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