



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed parking amendment – Marlborough Avenue
between Marlborough Place and Yonge Street**

Date:	July 26, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to introduce a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on the north side of Marlborough Avenue from Marlborough Place to Yonge Street to deter illegal parking and enhance traffic operation on this street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the current “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Marlborough Avenue from Yonge Street to a point 310 metres west of the west street line of Yonge Street.
2. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Marlborough Avenue from Yonge Street to a point 319 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing signs to give effect to this proposal is \$1000.00, which are available in Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Kyle Rae, in consultation with local residents, has requested Transportation Services to report on prohibiting standing at all times on the north side of Marlborough Avenue, from Yonge Street to a point 319 metres west to deter illegal parking and improve unobstructed two-way traffic flow on this street.

COMMENTS

Marlborough Avenue, from Marlborough Place to Yonge Street is classified as a local roadway that operates two-way (eastbound and westbound), and has a pavement width of 5.4 metres. For the most part, parking is prohibited at all times on the north and south side of Marlborough Avenue. Parking for about 7 vehicles is allowed on a small section on the north side of the street where permit parking is allowed from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. In addition, a parking lot that accommodates approximately 30 vehicles is located off the street and provides permit parking on a 24 hour basis. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h and there is no TTC service on this street.

The current parking prohibition allows motorists with a valid accessibility/disability parking permit to park within the area defined as a “No Parking Anytime” zone. Commercial loading/unloading activity may also legally occur.

Given the narrow road width, two-way traffic flow can become significantly constricted and the roadway potentially impassable when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. This is most problematic during the winter months when emergency service vehicles are unable to travel along the street. Recent field investigations confirmed these potential safety concerns. The proposed “No Standing Anytime” regulation is recommended to make parking on the north side of the street illegal, but will allow for vehicles to momentarily stop to drop-off/pick-up a passenger. To some degree this regulatory change might be a minor inconvenience, but the enhancement in overall operational safety should take precedence.

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