

Parking Regulation Amendment – Torbarrie Road

Date:	October 17, 2011
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 7 – York West
Reference Number:	p:\2011\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc110155-to

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to allow long-term overnight parking and short-term (3-hour) daytime parking on Torbarrie Road, between Judy Sgro Avenue and Joseph Griffith Lane (a private road located at the south limit of the subject area) for residents of the 'Oakdale Village' community.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on Torbarrie Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, by deleting the "No Parking 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m." regulation on the east side of Torbarrie Road from Judy Sgro Avenue to a point 242 metres south of Judy Sgro Avenue.
2. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, by installing 12 hour permitted parking, from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., on the east side of Torbarrie Road from Judy Sgro Avenue to a point 242 metres south of Judy Sgro Avenue.
3. Amend Schedule "A" of By-Law 30662, of the former City of North York, by installing 12 hour permitted parking from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., anytime, on the east side of Torbarrie Road from Judy Sgro Avenue to a point 242 metres south of Judy Sgro Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$800.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We were asked by the Ward Councillor, on behalf of the 'Oakdale Village' community residents, to consider expanding long-term overnight on-street parking. At a community meeting on June 8th, 2011, the majority of residents appeared to be in favour of expanding parking only along Torbarrie Road.

COMMENTS

Torbarrie Road is a collector road that runs parallel to Highway 400 between Wilson Avenue and Sheppard Avenue. The pavement width within the subject area is 9.7 metres. The statutory speed limit is 50 km/h.

Toronto Transit Commission bus stops are located on the east side of Torbarrie Road just south of Judy Sgro Avenue and just north of Joseph Griffith Lane (a private road located at the south limit of the subject area). To ensure Toronto Transit Commission buses can service these bus stops, "No Standing Anytime" signs exist at the appropriate distances.

The relatively new residential subdivision located east of Torbarrie Road is comprised of low and medium density residential dwellings. Townhomes front onto Torbarrie Road. Parking is prohibited overnight (between 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.) on Torbarrie Road between Judy Sgro Avenue and Joseph Griffith Lane (private).

A "No Parking Anytime" regulation exists on the west side of the road to ensure, among other things, two-way travel beyond the 12:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. time period (when vehicles can park on Torbarrie Road for three hours).

Based on the support indicated on a poll of the directly-affected residents, conducted by our Staff, we support the request to allow long-term (12 hours) overnight parking on Torbarrie Road, between Judy Sgro Avenue and Joseph Griffith Lane (private). The poll provided a satisfactory response rate of over 25% and of the responses that we received; over 50% supported 12-hour parking on Torbarrie Road.

It should be noted that the City of Toronto in an effort to provide long term on-street parking in excess of three hours has implemented Overnight Permit Parking in certain Wards within the City. The on-street residential permit parking program is regulated pursuant to Chapter 925 of the Toronto Municipal Code; however, when the development of the on-street residential permit parking section of the code was developed, City Council endorsed North York Community Council's requirements that this program only be provided to Wards 15, 16, 25 and 26. The community which is being reviewed at this time is located outside of the above prescribed area (Ward 7 – York West) and as such on-street permit parking is not permitted.

Furthermore, the former City of North York in an effort to control overnight parking during the winter months (December 1 to March 31) enacted By-law 30662. This by-law prohibits parking of vehicles on the roadway from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., December 1st to March 31st, thus, removing any hindrances to the snow removal operations. It should be noted that this bylaw is unique as it only applies to the former City of North York roadways. Therefore, in view of the above, in order to provide overnight parking an exemption to the Overnight Winter Maintenance By-law 30662 must be granted for the subject section of Torbarrie Road.

The policy of the former City of North York for the exemption from the Overnight Winter Maintenance By-law indicates that consideration will only be made if all of the following conditions are met:

Torbarrie Road	Satisfied (Yes/No)
residential zoning	Yes
where existing on-site parking is utilized 100%	Yes
where existing on-site parking availability for tenants/homeowners is less than 100%	Yes
where the roadway is 8.5 metres or greater	Yes
where there is no room for on-site expansion	Yes
where there is suitable space on-street	Yes
Overall Warrant	Yes

Based on the above evaluation, the requirements of the criteria established by the former City of North York for exemption to By-law 30662 have been met. It should be noted that when overnight parking is provided, it typically occurs on an alternating side format. However, given the nature of the developments on this road, it is not necessary to implement the overnight parking on an alternate side basis along this section of road.

The introduction of the overnight parking on Torbarrie Road will not have an adverse effect on traffic flow in this area. The Ward Councillor has been advised of our recommendation.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Existing Regulations

Attachment 2: Map – Proposed Regulations