



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Short-Term Parking – Dovercourt Road

<b>Date:</b>	November 20, 2014
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2014168te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

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Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to amend the parking regulations fronting a daycare located at No. 823 Dovercourt Road. The proposed changes will enhance the short-term parking opportunities for parents bringing children to the daycare and will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the east side of Dovercourt Road, from a point 87 metres north of Northumberland Street to a point 13 metres further north.
2. City Council enact a "15-minute maximum time limit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the east side of Dovercourt Road, from a point 87 metres north of Northumberland Street to a point 13 metres further north.

### Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$200.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2015 Interim Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from Councillor Mike Layton's office to amend the operation of the parking regulations fronting a daycare located at No. 823 Dovercourt Road to assist parents/guardians to accompany their children during pick-ups and drop-offs.

## **COMMENTS**

Dovercourt Road, north of Bloor Street West, is a minor arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic volume of about 11,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 40 km/h. This section of Dovercourt Road generally operates with a single lane of traffic in each direction, with parking permitted on both sides. Overnight permit parking is in effect between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily and there is three-hour time limit parking in effect at all other times (unsigned, statutory). Transit service on Dovercourt Road is provided by the "161-Rogers Road" bus.

A daycare currently operates at No. 823 Dovercourt Road. This property is located on the east side of the road, between Northumberland Street and Shanly Street. In addition to the above-noted parking regulations, the area fronting this property is also designated with a "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation.

The current regulation was enacted in 1994 at the request of the previous daycare operators. The intended purpose of this regulation is to provide an area fronting this business where parents and guardians can stop and pick-up or drop-off children at the daycare. If this regulation were not in place, the curb area fronting the daycare could be occupied by other motorists, as Dovercourt Road is licensed for overnight permit parking.

Recently, complaints have been received that motorists parking at the daycare are being tagged. Although the current regulations allow motorists to stop their vehicle as long as they are actively engaged in loading or unloading passengers, this may not be immediately clear as the signed regulations appear to be rush-hour restrictions.

Therefore, in order to provide short-term parking for the daycare that provides better directions to users, the existing regulations can be amended. The peak period parking restrictions will be removed. In their place, short-term parking will be designated that will permit parking for a maximum of 15 minutes and will operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The extents of the area will not change and advisory signage will be posted to designate the short-term parking zone. This signage will be for information purposes only.

The only concern with this proposal is the potential for overnight permit parkers to remain legally parked in the short-term parking zone after 7:00 a.m. and in excess of the 15-minute maximum parking regulation. This matter can be monitored by daycare staff and if it becomes problematic, can be addressed at a later time.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1576, November 2014

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