

Clause embodied in Report No. 7 of the Toronto East York Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on October 2, 3 and 4, 2001.

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**Interim Report - Illegal Parking in front of
52 Division - 255 Dundas Street West
(Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20)**

(City Council on October 2, 3 and 4, 2001, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Toronto East York Community Council recommends that City Council request the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Works and Emergency Services, 52 Division and the local residents, to report to the Toronto East York Community Council, at its meeting to be held in January, 2002, on a comprehensive plan for the redesign of the streetscape for 52 Division, Police Station (fronting Dundas Street West).

The Toronto East York Community Council submits the following report (August 29, 2001) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1:

Purpose:

To respond to a request from Community Council to report on the redesign of the streetscape fronting Police Services' 52 Division at premises No. 255 Dundas Street West.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council request the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Works and Emergency Services, 52 Division and the local residents, to report on a comprehensive plan for the redesign of the streetscape for 52 Division, Police Station (fronting Dundas Street West).

Background:

The Downtown Community Council, at its meeting of May 15, 2001, in considering a communication (May 9, 2001) from Councillor Olivia Chow, requested the Commissioners of Works and Emergency Services and Urban Development Services to report to the Toronto East York Community Council at its meeting to be held on September 12, 2001 on:

- (a) the original landscape and urban design plan for 52 Division; and
- (b) a comprehensive plan for the redesign of the streetscape fronting 52 Division that would prevent parking of vehicles in front of 52 Division, on Dundas Street West, and would 'green' this high profile corner;

such report to be done in consultation with the Unit Commander of 52 Division and the local residents. (Clause No. 65(k) of Report No. 4 of the Downtown Community Council, at City Council meeting of May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001)

Comments:

52 Division is located at 255 Dundas Street West, extending from St. Patrick Street on the west to Simcoe Street on the east. The property is owned by the City of Toronto under the purview of the Commissioner of Corporate Services. The property data map is shown on Appendix 'A' of this report.

Site inspection has determined that the street line on Dundas Street West is situated immediately back of the city sidewalk, approximately 2.75m from the curb. The building is set back a further 20.5 m along the entire frontage on Dundas Street West. This setback area is comprised of trees and planter boxes and the boulevard is constructed with interlocking pavers and is frequently used for parking. This parking is not legally authorized. Access is currently gained by an existing ramp off of St. Patrick Street although it appears that the vehicles may also be crossing the sidewalk on Dundas Street West to gain direct access.

Staff of Works and Emergency Services, Urban Development Services and Corporate Services met to discuss the possible streetscape for the subject location. Staff also contacted the Unit Commander of 52 Division, who indicated that while the proposal to landscape the area fronting the building on Dundas Street West is being reviewed, consideration should also be given to the creation of additional on-site parking that is needed to service the Division.

Given that the site in question is on private property and under the jurisdiction of Corporate Services, as a result of discussions to date, the Commissioner of Corporate Services has agreed to lead the project, in consultation with staff of Urban Development Services, Works and Emergency Services, 52 Division and local residents. A further report on the original landscape and urban design plan for 52 Division and a comprehensive plan for the redesign of the streetscape will be submitted to the Toronto East York Community Council at a later date. In addition, staff of Works and Emergency Services will pursue the possibility of additional boulevard parking facilities on the Simcoe Street flank.

Staff of Corporate Services and Urban Development Services as well as the Unit Commander of 52 Division have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Conclusions:

As the area in front of 52 Division on Dundas Street West is wholly within the property limits and there is no public right of way other than the City sidewalk involved, the request for the redesign of the streetscape in front of the building on Dundas Street West to preclude parking is within the purview of the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

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(Attachments referred to in the foregoing report were forwarded to all Members of the Toronto East York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on September 12, 2001, and copies thereof are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)