Seneca Avenue – Amendments to Parking Regulations

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**SUMMARY**
This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to propose a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on the south side of Seneca Avenue, west of Weston Road.

Staff recommends introducing a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on this section of Seneca Avenue to address sightline concerns and enhance the operational and pedestrian safety conditions. The proposed “No Standing Anytime” regulation should be enacted on the south side of the road from Weston Road to a point 49.0 metres west of Weston Road.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
Transportation Services recommends that the Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Implementing a “No Standing Anytime” regulation on the south side of Seneca Avenue from Weston Road, to a point 49.0 metres further west; including enacting the associated by-law.

**Financial Impact**

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ISSUE BACKGROUND
Councillor Frances Nunziata, on behalf of area residents and businesses, requested Transportation Services staff to review the feasibility of prohibiting standing on the south side of Seneca Avenue, between Weston Road and a point 49.0 metres further west, to address safety concerns resulting from the obstructions created by parked vehicles and trucks fronting and across from Tim Horton's Donut Shop on Seneca Avenue, west of Weston Road.

COMMENTS
Seneca Avenue is a local roadway providing two-way traffic flow on a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a speed limit of 50 km/h. Standing is prohibited at all times on the north side of Seneca Avenue, between Weston Road and a point 49.0 metres further west. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one hour on the north side of Seneca Avenue, between Avon Avenue and a point 49.0 metres west of Weston Road. Permit parking operates from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. daily on the north side of Seneca Avenue between Avon Avenue and a point 49.0 metres west of Weston Road. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times. Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Seneca Avenue, between Avon Avenue and Weston Road.

Vehicles and trucks are parking and mounting the sidewalk on the south side of Seneca Avenue, west of Weston Road. This obstructs the view of vehicles entering/exiting Tim Horton’s Donut Shop and creating delays and congestion on this section of Seneca Avenue. In addition, safety is compromised when motorists park partially on the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk on the roadway. The implementation of a no standing prohibition at all times on the south side of Seneca Avenue, between Weston Road and a point 49.0 metres further west will alleviate traffic flow and increase pedestrian safety on this section of Seneca Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Map