



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Thistle Down Boulevard – Parking Regulation  
Amendments**

<b>Date:</b>	December 8, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 1 – Etobicoke-North
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090005-to

**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to propose the installation of a “Maximum 10 Minute Limit, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” parking regulation on a small portion of the south side of Thistle Down Boulevard abutting St. John Vianney Catholic School.

This proposed regulation will give the parents, wishing to accompany children into the school, an area for short duration parking.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Thistle Down Boulevard, City Council approval of this report is required. TTC staff have been consulted on the proposed parking regulation amendment and have not objected to the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto City Council approve:**

1. Rescinding the existing “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Thistle Down Boulevard from a point 40.0 metres east of Bankfield Drive to a point 39.5 m west of Alhart Drive/Bridgenorth Crescent.
2. Enacting a “Maximum 10 Minute Limit, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday” parking restriction on the south side of Thistle Down Boulevard from a point 40 metres east of Bankfield Drive to a point 66 metres east of Belfield Drive.

3. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Thistle Down Boulevard from a point 66 metres east of Bankfield Drive to a point 39.5 metres west of Alhart Drive.

### **Financial Impact**

<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$400.00

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services staff met with the principal of St. John Vianney Catholic School and Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement Unit staff. At this meeting, it was requested that an area be created to accommodate parents wishing to park and accompany children into the school. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

### **COMMENTS**

St. John Vianney Catholic School is located east of the Albion Road and Islington Avenue intersection. The legal speed limit on the street is 40 km/h and a pedestrian crossover (PXO) exists in front of the school. Current parking regulations prohibit parking along the school frontage between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday with a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation posted on the opposite side. A School Bus Loading Zone exists within a parking bay along the school frontage. The TTC operates bus service on Thistle Down Boulevard.

To address concerns, a school area traffic assessment was conducted during the morning and afternoon peak hours. As part of this assessment, the number of vehicles dropping off and picking up students and their approximate locations were recorded. The results of our studies indicate that the majority of parents/care-givers do obey the posted regulations and stop along the school frontage, however, many of these motorists parked within the School Bus Loading Zone.

Based on staff’s examination of this matter, and consultation with the school principal, it is recommended that short duration parking (maximum 10 minutes) be allowed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on a small portion of the south side of Thistle Down Boulevard abutting the school property. This will provide a legal area for those parents who wish to park and walk their children into the school. As there is limited school frontage available for parents to drop-off and pickup students, the area proposed for this 10 minute limit will only accommodate four vehicles at a time. The principal of the school is supportive of this recommendation.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Map