Parking Amendments – North Branch of Burnside Drive

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards: St. Paul's, Ward 21
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc to report on amending the parking regulations on the north branch of Burnside Drive, west of Bathurst Street, to improve traffic operation and enhance safety on this section of the street.

Based on staff’s investigation it is recommended that stopping be prohibited at all times on both sides of the street immediately west of Bathurst Street and that the current alternate side parking regulations on Thursdays from April 1 to November 30 of each year be rescinded.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing "No Parking at Anytime, except each Thursday, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive" regulation, on the north side of the north branch of Burnside Drive.

2. Rescind the "No Parking each Thursday, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive" regulation, on the south side of the north branch of Burnside Drive.

3. Approve implementation of a "No Stopping at Anytime" regulation on both sides of the north branch of Burnside Drive, from Bathurst Street to a point 15 metres west.
4. Approve implementation of a "No Parking at Anytime" regulation on the north side of the north branch of Burnside Drive, from a point 15 metres west of Bathurst Street to the west end of the north branch of Burnside Drive.

**Financial Impact**
Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of $500.00 is available within Transportation Services 2011 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**
At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of area residents, Transportation Services has reviewed the current parking regulations on the north branch of Burnside Drive to determine if amendments to the current regulations might improve traffic flow specifically during times when pick-up and drop-off activities are taking place at a daycare located on the northwest corner of Bathurst Street and Burnside Drive.

**COMMENTS**
Burnside Drive is a local roadway that operates two-way and intersects with Bathurst Street at its north and south branches. There is no TTC service on Burnside Drive. Currently parking is allowed at all times except Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, on the south side of the street. Parking changes over to the north side of the street on Thursdays, April 1 to November 30 to enhance street cleaning operations on the south side of the street.

Investigation has determined that traffic flow is impeded on Thursdays when a certain amount of double-sided parking takes place before 9:00 a.m. as residents and other motorists parking on the street transition from one side to the other. Although this is typical of most streets with an alternate side parking regulation, the problem is particularly troublesome on this section of Burnside Drive because parking changes over on a weekly basis and conflicts with a significant amount of passenger pick-up/drop-off activity that occurs on a daily basis, generated in the early morning and later afternoon hours by a daycare operation on the northwest corner of the Bathurst/Burnside intersection.

Staff has reviewed several suggestions related to the installation of specific signage and parking regulations on the north branch of Burnside Drive. The Ward Councillor's office has been provided with staff's comments on these suggestions. Based on this consultation, we have been requested to:

- rescind the parking regulations requiring parking to alternate from the south side to the north side of the street on Thursdays on the north branch of Burnside Drive, west of Bathurst Street;
- allow parking at all times on the south side of the street;
• prohibit parking at all times on the north side of the street; and

• prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of the street within 15 metres of Bathurst Street.

Rescinding the alternate side parking arrangement on Thursdays might have a negative impact on the level of street cleaning service that is currently provided on this section of Burnside Drive. However, this creates less inconvenience for residents, eliminates the quasi two-sided parking situation that sometimes occurs, and coupled with the stopping prohibition near Bathurst Street, should result in improved traffic flow.

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