Parking Amendments – Relmar Road

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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 is requesting approval to amend the parking regulations on the west side of Relmar Road, from Relmar Gardens to the north limit of Relmar Road to include the implementation of a more stringent "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the west side of Relmar Road, from Relmar Gardens to the north limit of Relmar Road to discourage illegal parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing "No Parking at Anytime" on the west side of the entire length of Relmar Road.

2. Enact a "No Parking at Anytime" regulation on the west side of Relmar Road, from Lonsdale Road to Relmar Gardens.

3. Enact a "No Standing at Anytime" regulation, on the west side of Relmar Road, from Relmar Gardens to the north limit of Relmar Road.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of $300.00 is available within Transportation Services 2011 Operating Budget.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
Residents of the east side of Relmar Road have expressed concerns regarding illegally parked vehicles preventing them from exiting their driveways. In this regard, at the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services has investigated the feasibility of amending the parking regulations on the west side of Relmar Road, from Relmar Gardens to the north limit of Relmar Road to provide a more stringent parking regulation.

COMMENTS
Relmar Road is a local roadway which operates two-way on a pavement width of 7.5 metres. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the west side of the street, from Lonsdale Road to the north limit of Relmar Road. On the east side of the street, parking is allowed by permit, from 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. daily, and is allowed for a maximum period of one-hour from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, daily. There is no TTC service on Relmar Road.

The parking prohibition on the west side of Relmar Road encompasses the front of Suydam Park. Prohibiting parking adjacent to an unfenced park provides enhanced sightlines for both motorists and pedestrians.

Residents on the east side of Relmar Road have advised Councillor Mihevc that illegally parked vehicles on the west side of Relmar Road prevent them from exiting their driveways. They feel changing the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation to a more stringent "No Standing Anytime" regulation will discourage illegal parking and in turn provide easier access to and from their driveways. The residents have stated that enforcement is not a solution. However, it has been pointed out that the requested regulation would only be as effective as the enforcement carried out.

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