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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Parking Amendment Poll Results – Evans Avenue between Carnarvon Avenue and a point 65 meters east of Ourland Avenue

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 6 – Etobicoke Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

This report summarizes the results of the parking amendment survey for owners and occupants on Evans Avenue, between 144 Evans Avenue (east of Ourland Avenue) and Carnarvon Avenue, to have the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation removed from the north side of this section of road. The survey exhibits a below minimum response rate. As a result, amendment to the existing parking regulations is not recommended since the minimum survey response rate of 50% is not achieved.

However, if Community Council decides to approve parking regulation amendments on this section of Evans Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required given that the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on the subject street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends to Etobicoke York Community Council that:

1. The existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Evans Avenue, between a point 65 metres east of Ourland Avenue and Carnarvon Avenue, not be removed.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation does not result in any financial impact.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services and the Ward Councillor received a petition from residents of Evans Avenue to review the existing traffic operations and to assess options for traffic calming measures. As a result of the investigation, it was suggested a mitigating measure would be the removal of the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Evans Avenue between 144 Evans Avenue and Carnarvon Avenue. This parking amendment would provide a form of traffic calming without physically altering the roadway by narrowing the effective road width with parked vehicles. The amendment would allow vehicles to park on this portion of Evans Avenue subject to the city-wide three hour maximum parking by-law. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Evans Avenue, from Islington Avenue to Royal York Road, is classified as a "Minor Arterial" roadway. The adjacent land use along this road section is primarily residential however; the roadway serves access to many commercial properties in the area and provides access to the F.G. Gardiner Expressway at Islington Avenue. Built to urban standards (including curbs and gutters), Evans Avenue measures 10.1 metres in width and operates two-way traffic east and west. It carries a daily traffic volume of 11,000 vehicles. Sidewalks are present on both sides of the street. The TTC " Evans Avenue 15 Route" provides daily bus service along Evans Avenue between Sherway Gardens and Royal York Subway Station. Parking is prohibited anytime on both sides of the road. The legal speed limit on the street is 50 km/h.

In response to the petition received from the area residents, Transportation Services staff sent out a formal parking survey to all the affected property owners on Evans Avenue between 144 Evans and Carnarvon Avenue, including adjoining properties. In order for the proposed parking prohibition to be removed, a minimum of 50% of the polled residents must respond to the parking survey, and from this response rate, 60% of the residents must agree with the proposed parking prohibition removal.

This survey received a response rate of 47% (26 out of the 55 affected residents). Of those who did respond, 14 (54%) supported the removal of the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the north side of Evans Avenue while 12 (46%) supported no changes to the existing parking regulation. An additional 8 (15%) ballots were returned with no response, multiple responses or were outside of the affected area.

The following table describes the survey results:

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	55 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50%)	28 (50%)
Valid Ballots Returned	26 (47%)
Respondents in Favour	14 (54% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	12 (46% of respondents)
Required Number of Respondents in Favour	60%
Spoiled Ballots \ Invalid Ballots	8 (15%)

Based on the poll response rate of 47 %, (50% is required) staff recommends no changes to the existing parking regulations on Evans Avenue.

However, if Community Council decides to approve parking amendments on this section of Evans Avenue, a pavement marking alteration (i.e. realignment of the yellow centre line to the south) would be required in order to accommodate parking on the north side of Evans Avenue. Furthermore, if Community Council approves parking amendments, City Council approval is required given that TTC operates transit service on this road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map