STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Regulation Review – Danforth Road from Midland Avenue to Granger Avenue

Date: March 1, 2012
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number: P:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1229
D1-4500399 Danforth Road – No Standing Regulation

SUMMARY

This report concerns the feasibility of installing a "No Standing Anytime" regulation to reduce congestion on this major arterial roadway caused by parked vehicles on the east/south side of Danforth Road.

It is recommended that additional parking regulations on Danforth Road be implemented, which will increase safety. The proposed "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the east/south side will reduce conflicts currently occurring with merging eastbound traffic and reduce congestion in the vicinity of the GO Transit Railway crossing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing "No Parking" regulation, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. City Council enact the "No Standing" and amended "No Parking" regulations on the east/south side of Danforth Road, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.

3. City Council pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.
**Financial Impact**  
The financial cost of installing these parking regulation signs is approximately $2,000.00. The funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2012 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**  
As a result of a request from Councillor Berardinetti's office, on behalf of a concern for safety on Danforth Road in the evening, we conducted our parking review. The subject roadway currently has a "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays" regulation. Transportation Services staff observed a number of vehicles parked on the east/south side of Danforth Road between Midland Avenue and Granger Avenue after 6:00 p.m. The GO Transit railway tracks are located immediately west of Midland Avenue, and this section of Danforth Road has the proper signing and pavement markings. Parked vehicles in the area noted caused a situation where motorists need to cross the painted solid line in close proximity to the railway crossing.

**COMMENTS**  
The following describes Danforth Road between Midland Avenue and Granger Avenue:

- Danforth Road between St.Clair Avenue and Midland Avenue is classified as a major arterial roadway.
- The GO Transit railway line is located just west of Midland Avenue. The appropriate warning signs and pavement markings exist.
- Parking is prohibited on both sides of this section of Danforth Road from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays.
- Danforth Road is approximately 14.6 metres wide, and has a 4 lane cross section.
- There are posted 60 km/h speed limit signs on Danforth Road.
- This section of Danforth Road has a mixed land use: commercial, retail, and residential properties are located in the area.

**Regulations**

Parking prohibitions in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an as needed basis.

The proposed "No Standing Anytime" regulation proposed on the east/south side will allow two lanes of safe travel eastbound/northbound during all time periods on this major arterial roadway.
We anticipate that the amended "No Standing Anytime" Parking Regulation will also enhance safety. Motorists travelling eastbound/northbound will no longer have to cross the solid line to change lanes from the curb lane to avoid parked vehicles in the area of the railway crossing.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (Parking Regulation Review – Danforth Road from Midland Avenue to Granger Avenue)
Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulations to be Rescinded

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Appendix 2

“No Standing”
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