Parking Regulation Review – East Avenue

**Date:** May 28, 2012

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

**From:** Transportation Services, Scarborough District

**Wards:** Ward 44 – Scarborough East

**Reference Number:** P:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1266 D11-4466333 & D11-4466339  East Avenue - parking regulations

**SUMMARY**

This report responds to a concern about on-street parking regulations on East Avenue. Due to community traffic safety concerns, Transportation Services staff has confirmed the need for additional no parking regulations in order to maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic flow, adequate sight lines, and improved roadway maintenance along East Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, Scarborough District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. City Council enact the parking regulations, 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 prohibition signs is approximately $9,100.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Ron Moeser, due to community traffic safety concerns regarding vehicles parking along East Avenue, Transportation Services staff has reviewed the current parking conditions on this roadway.
Traffic Operations staff has confirmed that parked vehicles on East Avenue can at times impede the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic. Toronto Transit Commission route 85A buses were observed crossing the centre line and driving in the oncoming traffic lane when manoeuvring around parked vehicles on East Avenue. In addition, parked vehicles restrict sight lines especially for younger pedestrians who were observed crossing between parked vehicles.

COMMENTS
Several characteristics describing the subject portion of East Avenue and Island Road include:

- East Avenue is located north of Lawrence Avenue East and east of Port Union Road within the Rouge Neighbourhood.
- The land uses in this area are predominantly single family residential with some commercial found at the intersection of East Avenue and Island Road. In addition, an elementary school is located on East Avenue, north of Golders Green Avenue and a large seniors residence is located on East Avenue, north of Island Road.
- The studied portion of East Avenue between Island Road and Lawrence Avenue East is approximately two kilometres long.
- East Avenue is a two-lane north-south collector road with a daily vehicle volume of approximately 3,900 vehicles per day.
- East Avenue has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 to 9.8 metres.
- The Rouge Hills GO station is located at the East Avenue and Lawrence Avenue East intersection, on the south side. At times, East Avenue can experience sudden traffic volume increases as a result of commuters travelling to/from the GO station.
- There are three different speed zones on East Avenue. The north zone between Rouge Hills Drive and Island Road has a 40 km/h speed limit, the central zone between Island Road and East Willow Gate has a 50 km/h limit and the south zone between East Willow Gate and Lawrence Avenue East has a 40 km/h limit.
- East Avenue has existing No Parking Anytime and also No Stopping Anytime regulations posted along approximately half of the roadway.
- The Toronto Police Service collision records indicate that for the three year period, from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010, there have been three collisions on East Avenue involving parked vehicles.

It is recommended that, Transportation Services implement additional No Parking Anytime regulations on both sides of East Avenue. The proposed No Parking Anytime regulations would be installed along the portions of East Avenue that do not have any existing posted parking regulations, from Island Road to Lawrence Avenue East, as identified in Attachment 3.
These changes will enhance safe and efficient two-way traffic on this roadway, enhance Toronto Transit Commission operation, facilitate snow clearing, provide adequate sight lines for motorists entering and exiting driveways, and maintain clear sightlines for pedestrians crossing the roadway.

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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 - East Avenue)
Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Rescinded

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Appendix 2

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

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