



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments - Woodbine Avenue

Date:	May 16, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
Reference Number:	Ts2012114te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting authority from City Council to introduce "No Standing, Anytime" on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, between O'Connor Drive and Ventnor Avenue, to enhance operational safety on this section of Woodbine Avenue.

Four potential on-street parking spaces will be eliminated but there is little demand for on-street parking in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, between O'Connor Drive and Ventnor Avenue.
2. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, between O'Connor Drive and Ventnor Avenue.
3. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, between O'Connor Drive and Ventnor Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$600.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Janet Davis, on behalf of area residents, has requested Transportation Services to investigate the feasibility of prohibiting standing on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, between O'Connor Drive and Ventnor Avenue.

COMMENTS

Woodbine Avenue, between Ventnor Avenue and O'Connor Drive, is a four-lane, north-south major arterial roadway. Currently, there is an exclusive left-turn lane and two exclusive right-turn lanes for the northbound direction at O'Connor Drive. The daily two-way traffic volume on Woodbine Avenue is approximately 25,000 vehicles with a speed limit of 50 km/h.

The TTC Route 91+ (Woodbine) operates on this section of Woodbine Avenue.

The existing parking regulations on Woodbine Avenue, between Ventnor Avenue and O'Connor Drive are as follows:

West side:

- No Stopping 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday; and
- No Parking Anytime.

East side:

- No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday;
- No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; and
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours at other times.

The condominium towers on the east side of Woodbine Avenue, between O'Connor Drive and Ventnor Avenue, have their own underground parking spaces and aboveground visitor parking spaces. There is parking available in the immediate vicinity at the Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot and on Ventnor Avenue. Therefore, parking is not in high demand on this section of Woodbine Avenue.

However, we observed that any vehicles parked on the east side of Woodbine Avenue during off-peak hours create delays and congestion for northbound motorists and TTC vehicles. Introducing a "No Standing" prohibition on the east side of Woodbine Avenue between Ventnor Avenue and O'Connor Drive would improve traffic flow and operational safety for northbound traffic. This will result in the loss of 4 potential on-street parking spaces.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G- 0700, dated April 2012

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