Conversion of Tichester Road and Heath Street West from "Street Name" to "Area Based" Permit Parking and the creation of Permit Parking Area “13K”

Date: August 9, 2012
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards: St Paul's – Ward 21
Reference Number: Te2012051te.row

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to convert Permit Parking on Tichester Road, between Bathurst Street and Lonsmount Drive and on Heath Street West, between a point 41.1 metres west of Spadina Road to the west end of Heath Street West, from the current “Street Name” to the "Area Based” Permit Parking Program, within a new Permit Area to be known as "13K”. We are recommending approval of this proposal as it will allow greater parking flexibility to residents of both streets.

Transportation Services is also asking for approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to extend the Permit Parking hours of operation on Tichester Road, between Bathurst Street and Lonsmount Drive from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week to 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m., 7 days a week and on Heath Street West from a point 41.1 metres west of Spadina Road to the west end of Heath Street West from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week to 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., 7 days a week. The extension of the permit parking operating hours will allow the Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service, the ability to effectively control long term parking through their tagging and towing operations.
RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Authorize the amendment of Schedule ‘B’ of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 925, Permit Parking, to incorporate a map of permit parking area "13K", shown in Appendix 'A' attached to the report dated August 9, 2012, entitled "Conversion of Tichester Road and Heath Street West from "Street Name" to "Area Based" Permit Parking and creation of Permit Parking Area "13K" from the Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District; and

2. Authorize the conversion of the permit parking program on Tichester Road, between Bathurst Street and Lonsmount Drive and on Heath Street West, between a point 41.1 metres west of Spadina Road to the west end of Heath Street West, from the "Street Name" Permit Parking Program to the "Area Based" Permit Parking Program, within the newly created Area "13K"; and

3. Authorize the rescinding of the parking regulations outlined in Appendix 'B' attached to the report dated August 9, 2012, entitled "Conversion of Tichester Road and Heath Street West from "Street Name" to "Area Based" Permit Parking and creation of Permit Parking Area "13K" from the Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District; and

4. Authorize the enactment of the parking regulations outlined in Appendix 'C' attached to the report dated August 9, 2012, entitled "Conversion of Tichester Road and Heath Street West from "Street Name" to "Area Based" Permit Parking and creation of Permit Parking Area "13K" from the Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The amount of $400.00 is available within the current Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of area residents requested that Transportation Services examine and report to Community Council regarding the conversion of permit parking on Tichester Road, between Bathurst Street and Lonsmount Drive and Heath Street West, between Spadina Road and the west end of Heath Street West, from the current "Street Name" to "Area Based" Permit Parking. The Councillor also requested that a new permit parking area be created to be known as area "13K"
COMMENTS

Tichester Road, between Bathurst Street and Lonsmount Drive is a local street operating in a two way east/west bound direction, on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. There is no TTC service on Tichester Road. Parking is allowed on the north side of the street for a maximum period of 3 hours with permit parking in effect from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

Heath Street West, between Tichester Road and Spadina Road is a local street operating in a two way east/west bound direction, on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. There is no TTC service on Heath St W. Parking is allowed on the north side of Heath Street West from a point 41.1 metres west of Spadina Road to a point 33 metres further west.

Parking is currently allowed for a maximum period of 1 hour from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, with a 3 hour maximum duration for all other times and days, except when permit parking is in effect, between 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week. Parking is allowed on the south side of Heath Street West from Tweedsmuir Avenue to a point 26 metres west of Walmer Road, for a maximum period of 1 hour, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, with a 3 hour maximum duration for all other times and days, except when permit parking is in effect between 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

Pay-and-display parking is in effect on the south side of Heath Street West, between a point 65.3 metres west of Tweedsmuir Avenue and the western end of Heath Street West for a maximum period of 3 hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, except public holidays, with a 3 hour maximum duration for all other times and days, except when permit parking is in effect between 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

During the course of our investigation it was noted that there are discrepancies within the parking regulations. The recommendations in this report will correct these discrepancies.

Area residents requested the conversion of Tichester Road and Heath Street West to the area based permit parking program and to incorporate them within the boundary of proposed permit area 13K in order to have greater flexibility in accessing more parking spaces within their area. Residents also requested the extension of permit parking hours on Tichester Road and Heath Street West in order to alleviate the problem of long term parking.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – area map
Appendix B – regulations to be rescinded
Appendix C – regulations to be enacted
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