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## **2013 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE** Transportation Services – Permit Parking Revenue Generation

## **Issue/Background:**

This Briefing Note is in response to Budget Committee 's request (Motion #6, dated December 17, 2012) that "the Director, Transportation Services prepare a briefing note on potential revenues from introducing permit parking in all areas of the City and to include the revenue generated from on-street permit parking in the Toronto and East York District".

## **Key Points:**

- Since initial conception of the permit parking program in 1963 and commencement of billing practices in 1973, in the former City of Toronto, there is now a total of 52,285 regular permit holders, where permit parking is currently permitted, which includes former Etobicoke, York, East York and Toronto. Permit parking is not available in the former North York and Scarborough areas. Parking permits are renewed semi-annually and based on a three (3) tier fee schedule, which varies according to the merits of each individual property.
- Temporary one (1), three (3) or seven (7) day parking permits are available for visitors, tradespersons and residents of the city on licensed permit parking streets. A total of 152,241 temporary parking permits have been issued, between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- Opportunity for expansion of the program rests with area residents to initiate the process by way of petition and subject to Ward Councillor/Community Council approval. Over the past 10 years, the permit parking office has received only eleven (11) requests to implement the program on streets within the former North York and Scarborough areas. To date, expansion has not been approved within those areas.
- Transportation Services is of the opinion that there is no substantial opportunity to generate significant revenues by implementing the permit parking program city wide. Generally speaking, those areas that require the program have the program. The geographical makeup of communities/streets in the former North York and Scarborough areas is such that parking opportunities exist on private property or within the confines of legal driveways, thereby, eliminating the need for regulated on street parking.

- Should the program be expanded to those areas which have shown interest to date, it's estimated that it would generate an additional \$20,000 to \$40,000 in gross annual revenue. While administration of the permit issuance process may be absorbed through existing resources, there is additional costs associated with the fabrication and installation of parking signs, which is estimated at \$6000.
- In 2011, Transportation Services generated a total revenue of \$11,284,275 from its on-street permit parking program. Revenue generation amounts are detailed in the chart below:

| District            | Regular<br>Permit Parking | Temporary<br>Permit Parking | Total        |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Etobicoke York      | \$1,495,277               | \$ 321,289                  | \$ 1,816,566 |
| North York          | \$ 395,872                | \$ 86,815                   | \$ 482,687   |
| Toronto & East York | \$6,705,576               | \$2,279,446                 | \$ 8,985,022 |
| Total               | \$8,596,725               | \$2,687,550                 | \$11,284,275 |

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