Parking Prohibitions: Scarsdale Road

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to allow short-term parking on the west side of Scarsdale Road for a maximum period of 10 minutes from Preakness Drive to a point 65 metres north, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The amendment to the parking regulations on Scarsdale Road will address the residents' concerns regarding congestion created by parked vehicles on Preakness Drive adjacent to the private day school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District, recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve parking for a maximum periods of 10 minutes on the west side of Scarsdale Road from Preakness Drive to a point 65 metres north, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
Financial Impact

All costs associated with the amendments to the parking regulations are included in the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by residents to review concerns regarding vehicles parked and stopped on both sides of the road adjacent to the Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox School located on the northwest corner of Scarsdale Road and Preakness Drive. During the pick-up and drop-off periods, parents stop illegally on both sides of Preakness Drive. The availability of parking spaces on Scarsdale Road for parents competes with long term daily parking by businesses in the area.

The residents are concerned that traffic congestion interferes with access to Preakness Drive.

COMMENTS

Scarsdale Road is classified as a local road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road. Scarsdale Road is primarily comprised of commercial businesses.

Currently, parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours on the west side of Scarsdale Road. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the east side of Scarsdale Road.

On Preakness Drive, stopping is prohibited on the south side of Preakness Drive from Scarsdale Road to a point 75 metres west thereof, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and parking is permitted for a maximum period of 10 minutes on the north side from Scarsdale Road to a point 82 metres west thereof, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Observations have verified that vehicles associated with local businesses are continuously parking directly in front of the Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox School on the west side of Scarsdale Road, preventing school pick-up and drop off activity to occur. As a result, vehicles associated with pick up and drop off activities are concentrated on Preakness Drive thus creating traffic congestion.

In this regard, the installation of permitted parking for maximum periods of 10 minutes on the west side of Scarsdale Road from Preakness Drive to a point 65 metres north between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday would facilitate additional short term parking for the school and reduce congestion on Preakness Drive.
The installation of short-term parking on the west side of Scarsdale Road north of Preakness Drive adjacent to the school will improve the level of safety for motorists and pedestrians during pick-up and drop-off activities.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendation contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:  Map – Scarsdale Road:  Permitted Parking