



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Time Limit Parking and Stopping Prohibitions: Laird Drive**

<b>Date:</b>	May 15, 2013
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 26, Don Valley West</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ny13076 P:\2013\Cluster B\TRA\NorthYorkDistrict

**SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Laird Drive City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Laird Drive from Eglinton Avenue East to Millwood Road and to approve parking for maximum periods of 30 minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Laird Drive from Lea Avenue to Markham Avenue.

Amendments to the parking and stopping regulations will address the concerns of local business' regarding on-street parking turnover on Laird Drive and will improve the flow of traffic during the peak volume periods.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the deletion of No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue and Millwood Road;

2. Approve the deletion of No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the east side of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood Road;
3. Approve the deletion of No Stopping, 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Laird Drive between from Kenrae Road and a point approximately 100 metres north of Commercial Road;
4. Approve the deletion of No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of Laird Drive from a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East;
5. Approve the deletion of No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of Laird Drive between Millwood Road and a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue;
6. Approve the installation of No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood Road;
7. Approve the installation of parking for a maximum period of 30 minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Laird Drive between Markham Avenue and a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue; and
8. Approve the installation of parking for a maximum period of 30 minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Laird Drive between Lea Avenue and a point 64 metres north.

## **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the time limit parking and no stopping prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services' 2013 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by a local business in the Leaside area to investigate the feasibility of installing time limit parking on the west side of Laird Drive between Markham Avenue and Lea Avenue in order to promote vehicle turnover and accommodate short-term parking for patrons of the local businesses.

The local business are concerned that the increased traffic volume on Laird Drive, particularly due to the opening of the new Leaside Village Mall which has limited the availability of on street parking for the business on Laird Drive, and the current three hour parking prohibition does not promote vehicle turnover. In addition, that stopping be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on

both sides of Laird Drive from Eglinton Avenue East to Millwood Drive in order to improve the flow of traffic during peak volume periods.

## **COMMENTS**

Laird Avenue is classified as a major arterial roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h with municipal sidewalks on both sides of the road.

The current traffic prohibitions on Laird Drive are as follows:

### Parking Prohibition

- No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of the road, between Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood Road; and
- No Parking, Anytime, on the east side of the road, between a point approximately 100 metres north of Commercial Road and Eglinton Avenue East;
- No Parking, Anytime, on the east side of the road, between Millwood Road and Kenrae Road

### Stopping Prohibition

- No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except by public holidays, on the west side of the road, between a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood Road and a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue;
- No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of the road, between Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood road;
- No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of the road, between Kenrae Road and a point approximately 100 metres north of Commercial Road

### Standing Prohibitions

- No Standing, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the west side of the road between a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue and a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue

It should also be noted, that parking is permitted for a maximum duration of three hours at all other times.

In order to accommodate the local businesses request to provide short term parking for the patrons of the local business on Laird Drive, this Division recommends the installation of parking for a maximum period of 30 minutes on the west side of Laird Drive between Lea Avenue and Markham Avenue.

The above recommendation addresses the local businesses concern with regards to limited on street parking and will increase the availability of short term parking.

The prohibition of stopping on both sides of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood during the peak volume periods will address the inconsistent stopping regulations on this section of Laird Drive. When considering the increased traffic generated from development of the Leaside Area east of Laird Drive stopping restrictions on Laird Drive during the peak volume periods will improve the flow of traffic on Laird Drive and will likely reduce the volume of traffic infiltrating through local roads in the Leaside Area west of Laird Drive.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendation of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Time Limit Parking: Laird Dr.