Date: April 22, 2014
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 42 – Scarborough-Rouge River
Reference Number: P:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1435.docx D14-6061801 - Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Boulevard

SUMMARY

This report is in response to a Scarborough Community Council direction to report back to Scarborough Community Council in one year on the success of the installation of the parking machines at Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Boulevard.

The Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) advises that the paid parking machines are not necessarily required, and their removal would have minimal impact on turnover levels.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Receive this report for information.

Financial Impact
There is no financial impact associated with this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of May 14, 2013, Scarborough Community Council requested the Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District, to report back to Scarborough Community Council in one year on the success of the installation of the parking machines at Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Boulevard, as per the following link:


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COMMENTS
Several characteristics describing the subject portions of Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Drive include:

- Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Boulevard are located east of Markham Road on south of Sheppard Avenue East.
- The land use on Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Boulevard is primarily condominiums with some retail outlets on the lower levels.
- Orchid Place Drive is a two-lane east-west local road with an unposted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.
- Orchid Place Drive has pavement width of approximately 9.8 metres.
- Parkborough Boulevard is a two-lane north-south local road with an unposted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.
- Parkborough Boulevard between Orchid Place Drive and Rosebank Drive has parking bays and a pavement width of approximately 13 metres.
- Transportation Services observations revealed that, during the times when the parking regulations are not in effect, there is frequent on-street parking along both of these roads.

The Toronto Parking Authority advises that after a year of operation, the paid parking machines are not necessarily required, and their removal would have minimal impacts on turnover levels, should they be removed; however, such a removal would run counter to the community’s original desire for such parking machines. Staff would advise the Councillor to arrange for further community consultation prior to any potential reporting on such removal, should it be pursued.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Location Plan (Parking Machines - Orchid Place Drive and Parkborough Boulevard)
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