No Stopping Zone – Victoria Park Avenue from Lawrence Avenue East to Deanvar Avenue

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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 34 and Ward 37 – Don Valley East and Scarborough Centre
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D14-6029527 Victoria Park Parking Regulations

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise on the feasibility of preventing trucks from stopping and loading on both sides of Victoria Park Avenue. The request originated from the car dealership located at 1900 Victoria Park Avenue between Deanvar Avenue and Lawrence Avenue East. There is currently only a no parking zone on both sides of the roadway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit stopping at anytime on both sides of Victoria Park Avenue from Lawrence Avenue East to Deanvar Avenue.

Financial Impact
The financial cost of installing these parking regulation signs is approximately $3,000.00. The funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2014 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
As a result of a request from the car dealership at 1900 Victoria Park Avenue, Transportation Services staff reviewed the parking regulations. A transport truck parked on either side of the subject road to load or unload vehicles greatly affects capacity and reduces safety on Victoria Park Avenue between Deanvar Avenue and Lawrence Avenue East. Motorists currently have to manoeuvre around vehicles stopping on this major arterial roadway.
COMMENTS
The following characteristics describe the section of Victoria Park Avenue between Deanvar Avenue and Lawrence Avenue East:

- Victoria Park Avenue is classified as a major arterial roadway (33,000 vehicles per day).
- Victoria Park Avenue is a four-lane north-south road with a posted 60 km/h speed limit. There is a northbound left turn lane into 1900 Lawrence Avenue East.
- The road width is 12.9 metres, with sidewalks located on both sides of Victoria Park Avenue.
- There are Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) bus stops on this section.
- Vehicles parking or stopping on this section of roadway would greatly affect safety and capacity on Victoria Park Avenue.
- Driveways exist at 1900 Victoria Park Avenue that would allow trucks to load and unload vehicles off-street.

Stopping prohibitions in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an as needed basis.

The proposed no stopping zone will mitigate truck loading activities on Victoria Park Avenue itself. Based on our observations there will be both improved safety and improved traffic capacity as a result.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Location Plan – (No Stopping Zone – Victoria Park Avenue from Lawrence Avenue East to Deanvar Avenue)