



方卓怡 市議員 **Paula FLETCHER**

**Councillor** Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

November 6, 2015

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: Traffic Mitigation and Parking Matters on Verral Avenue

Dear Chair & Members,

When the Shoppers Drugmart expanded several years ago on Queen St. East the large parking lot was removed. Residents expressed concern at that time about the loss of parking space and expected impact on residential parking. Those residents have been proven correct.

Residents have expressed concern that they are unable to park on their street as so many spaces are taken up by shoppers and commuters. Several residents indicated that they leave their cars at home when running errands for fear of losing their parking space.

There are less than 30 homes on this street and I have received a petition from 17 residents asking that Verral be made permit-parking only 24 hours a day.

In addition, residents on Verral Avenue have expressed concern that commuter traffic is exiting Carlaw Avenue onto Colgate Avenue and then cutting down their short residential street to avoid traffic signals and congestion. The street is not designed to carry commuter traffic.

Therefore, I request Community Council:

- 1) Request the Director of Transportation Services for Toronto and East York to prepare a report on making Verral Avenue permit-parking only on a 24-hour basis; and
- 2) Request the Director of Transportation Services for Toronto and East York to prepare a report on creating a "bump-out" at the southeast corner of Colgate and Verral Avenue in a manner that will slow vehicles turning left southbound on to Verral Avenue. This change to be made in a manner that does not reduce parking on Verral by being limited to the parking prohibited area adjacent to the corner fire hydrant.

Sincerely,

Councillor Paula Fletcher  
Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth

