March 23, 2016

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: TE15.45 Parking Regulations – Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East

Dear Chair & Members,

As part of the traffic management plan for the construction of the Leslie Street connecting track for the Leslie Barns, a temporary rush-hour parking prohibition was put in place on Carlaw Avenue South of Queen. The residents on this stretch of Carlaw accepted this inconvenience as a temporary measure necessary due to the closure of Leslie Street.

Now that construction is completed, the residents of Carlaw expect the City to remove the restriction on Carlaw. At a recent site visit with concerned residents, the Director of Transportation Services for Toronto and East York advised that the portion of Carlaw from Eastern Avenue north to Queen Street East can safely have the rush hour parking restriction removed.

While I understand the section of Carlaw from Eastern south to Lake Shore is more problematic, I would like for Transportation Services to take a second look at options to improve the parking situation for residents south of Eastern.

Therefore, I recommend:

1) Toronto and East York Community Council amend Item No. TE15.45 by striking out Recommendation No. 1 and replacing it with Recommendation No. 1 below:

City Council amend the parking prohibition in effect from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday, on the east side of Carlaw Avenue between a point 97 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 33.5 metres south of Queen Street East, to be in effect between a point 97 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue; and

2) That the Director for Transportation Services for Toronto and East York, review the traffic volumes and patterns on Carlaw Avenue between Lake Shore Boulevard and Eastern Avenue and report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the feasibility of removing the rush hour parking prohibition either southbound or northbound to optimize parking for residents.

Sincerely,

Councillor Paula Fletcher
Ward 30 Toronto Danforth