



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**The West Mall, south of Sherway Drive - Parking
Regulation Amendment**

Date:	December 10, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke Centre
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc080009-to

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to propose the installation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the west side of The West Mall between Sherway Drive and Evans Avenue. The proposed stopping regulation will help address potential traffic congestion issues and enhance traffic safety on the west side of The West Mall between Sherway Drive and Evans Avenue.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on The West Mall, City Council approval of this report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on the proposed stopping prohibition and have not objected to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council Approve:

1. Rescinding the No Parking Anytime regulation on the west side of The West Mall between the north limit of the road and Evans Avenue.
2. Enacting a No Parking Anytime regulation on the west side of The West Mall between the north limit of the road and Sherway Drive.
3. Enacting a No Stopping Anytime regulation on the west side of The West Mall between Sherway Drive and Evans Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Staff from Transportation Services received a request from a motorist to have a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation installed on the west side of The West Mall between Sherway Drive and Evans Avenue. The request is the result of motorists, primarily truck drivers, stopping in front of the Tim Horton’s restaurant. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

The West Mall, in the area of Sherway Drive, is classified as a “Minor Arterial” in the City’s road system. The road is constructed to urban standards (curb and gutter).

The daily two-way traffic volume on the West Mall between Sherway Drive and Evans Avenue is between approximately 21,000 vehicles, of which approximately 11,000 are in the southbound direction. There are two lanes in each direction. The West Mall provides access to westbound Queen Elizabeth Way.

The legal speed limit on The West Mall, in the area of Sherway Drive, is 60 km/h. Traffic signals are located at the intersection of The West Mall and Sherway Drive.

The TTC operates a transit service on this section of The West Mall.

Major traffic generators in the area include Sherway Gardens and the Trillium Health Centre. A Tim Horton’s restaurant is located on the west side of The West Mall, south of Sherway Drive.

Currently, parking is prohibited anytime on both sides of The West Mall in the area of Sherway Drive.

Staff conducted observations on The West Mall, south of Sherway Drive, during peak (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) traffic periods on a weekday. A total of three vehicles, all trucks, were observed stopping on the west side of The West Mall, in front of the Tim Horton’s restaurant. Although we did not observe any traffic operational problems resulting from the stopped vehicles, there is the potential for traffic congestion issues if this stopping practice becomes more frequent and longer in duration.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends the installation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the west side of The West Mall between Sherway Drive and Evans Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map