

Staff Response To Commission Inquiry - Employee Parking on Side Streets - Hillcrest Complex

Meeting Date: December 13, 2000

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At the Commission meeting on Wednesday November 22, 2000, Commissioner Mihevc requested that staff report on the issue of TTC employees using side streets around the Hillcrest complex for parking purposes.

After the decommissioning of the St. Clair/Wychwood carhouse, many years ago, TTC employees were allowed to park in the vacant yard of that property. Although there were some problems associated with this parking arrangement, on-street parking was not a problem. With the sale of the Wychwood property to the City, this parking arrangement was lost to the employees in September, 1998 and the vast majority resorted to on-street parking.

As a result of the impact on the area residents, the TTC has received complaints over the years. Area residents have been advised that employees parking on city streets are not within the jurisdiction of the TTC and should be ticketed by Toronto Police Service if parked illegally and not in compliance with posted signage. There is no legal basis for the TTC to prohibit parking or impose parking restrictions on employees using their own personal vehicles on city streets. On-street parking complaints do not fall under the TTC Corporate Parking Policy. A copy of a letter sent to an area resident is attached.

The problem of on-street parking around the Hillcrest complex was also identified in a report by Toronto Works and Emergency Services when the site plan for the new Transit Control Centre was reviewed (copy of the report is attached). Further developments with respect to this report or solutions to the parking issue are not known.

The Corporate Parking Policy, "Employee/Visitor Parking – Controlled Access Properties", indicates that employees are expected to use public transit whenever possible and are provided with a free transit pass. The Hillcrest complex is well served by the following transit routes: Bathurst 7, Davenport 127 and Annette 4. Employees have also been advised that free employee parking is available at several TTC Metropass commuter lots.

The Corporate Parking Policy determines which employees qualify for and are provided with parking inside the Hillcrest complex. Parking is provided to employees who require their car to regularly perform their duties or who must be at work prior to the availability of public transit service. No parking is available or provided within the Hillcrest complex for hourly-rated employees during normal business hours and the employees parking on the city streets do not

qualify for parking privileges under the Corporate Parking Policy.

Unrestricted parking is permitted for all TTC employees from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. each workday, and at all times on weekends and holidays inside the Hillcrest Complex. This is to benefit employees working shifts and was requested by our Unions.

Further provision of parking to TTC employees at the Hillcrest complex is not possible as space is not available.

A copy of the Corporate Parking Policy, "Employee/Visitor Parking – Controlled Access Properties", a previous notice to employees and a letter to an area resident are attached. Employees have been verbally advised by management staff of resident concerns with respect to on-street parking and the need to maintain neighbourhood relations.

Chief General Manager

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Attachments