9. HAWDON STREET – PROPOSED 60 MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Community Board to install a short length of 60 minute parking restriction on the east side of Hawdon Street, between Byron Street and Kingsley Street (refer to **attachment**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The proprietor of "The Grasshopper Café" situated at 78 Hawdon Street has expressed concern that customers are not able to use the kerbside parking directly in front of the business.
- 3. The surrounding land use in the area is predominantly industrial creating a demand for onstreet parking. The kerbside spaces are currently unrestricted and are occupied all day by employees from the surrounding businesses as well as those from as far away as the "South City" shopping centre. The café is very popular and services a wide catchment. As such there is considerable demand for short term parking. Currently vehicles are often observed "double parking" while the driver purchases food which compromises road safety.
- 4. It is likely that the economic viability of the café is being adversely affected by the lack of available customer parking. The installation of a 60 minute parking restriction covering two spaces outside the café and the neighbouring business (King Tony Professional Tools) on Hawdon Street would go some way to addressing the concerns being raised.
- 5. The café and the neighbouring business are considered the only ones directly affected by the proposal and their support has been forthcoming.
- 6. Typically this situation would be addressed with a 10 minute parking restriction, however in this case a 60 minute parking restriction was agreed upon by the proprietors of the two neighbouring businesses to service both their needs.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7. Installation of signs, markings and posts is within existing budgets.
- 8. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board approve that the parking of vehicles be limited to a 60 minute maximum on the east side of Hawdon Street from a point 42 metres south of the Byron Street intersection and extending 19 metres in a southerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.