

High Park Avenue - Amendments to Parking Regulations

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| To: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services and Etobicoke York District |
| Wards: | Ward 13 - Parkdale-High Park |
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to propose an amendment to the existing parking regulations on High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Glenlake Avenue based on the results of Transportation Services staff investigation. The implementation of less restrictive parking regulations will allow for pick-up and drop-off activities to occur at High Park Early Learning Centre, as well as additional parking for area residents along this section of High Park Avenue.

As High Park Avenue is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff has been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing parking prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the east side of High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Glenlake Avenue;
2. Rescinding the existing parking prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the west side of High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Humberside Avenue;
3. Allowing parking for a maximum period of fifteen minutes, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of High Park Avenue, from a point 51.0 metres north of Bloor Street West to a point 21.0 metres further north;

4. Prohibiting parking on the west side of High Park Avenue from Bloor Street West to a point 30.5 metres further north thereof; and
5. Prohibiting parking on the east side of High Park Avenue from Bloor Street West to a point 51.0 metres further north thereof.

Financial Impact

| Type of Funding | Source of Funds | Amount |
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| Available within current budget | Transportation Services Operating Budget | \$1,000.00 |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Bill Saundercook, on behalf of an area residents and the High Park Early Learning Centre, requested Transportation Services staff to review the feasibility of rescinding the existing parking prohibition on the east and west sides of High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Humberside Avenue and to implement a maximum 15 minute parking regulation on the above mentioned section of High Park Avenue to allow parents to drop-off and pick-up their children from High Park Early Learning Centre.

COMMENTS

High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Glenlake Avenue is a two lane collector road operating two-way with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h and a road width of 12.8 metres.

Parking is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays on the east side of High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Glenlake Avenue and on the west side of High Park Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Humberside Avenue. Permit parking is in effect on High Park Avenue from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times.

Area residents on High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue and Humberside Avenue have indicated that due to the 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday parking prohibition to the south, motorists are parking in the less restrictive parking areas north of Glenlake Avenue and Humberside Avenue, in many cases, blocking driveways.

In addition, during daycare pre-school hours, parents cannot find parking in the vicinity of the pre-school and as a result, receive parking tickets for parking illegally in front of the pre-school on High Park Avenue while pick-up and dropping-off their children. This section of the street can accommodate parking for a maximum period of fifteen minutes, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for parents dropping-off and picking-up their children from school. Parking would be otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times.

Allowing parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of High Park Avenue, between a point of 51.0 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 21.0 metres further north, will allow parents to drop-off and pick-up their children from High Park Early Learning Centre on High Park Avenue.

Rescinding the existing 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, parking regulation south of Glenlake Avenue and Humberside Avenue, will alleviate the resident parking concerns north of these to streets on High Park Avenue.

As High Park Avenue is a Transit Route, Transportation Services Division staff has consulted with TTC staff who do not object to the recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment Nos. 1, 2 & 3: Maps