



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Roncesvalles Avenue – amendments to parking regulations

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Parkdale - High Park, Ward 14
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority to install a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on Roncesvalles Avenue, from a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to a point 9 metres further south thereof to prevent vehicles from blocking the driveway of premises no. 195 Fern Avenue.

Creating a “No Parking Anytime” area on Roncesvalles Avenue will prevent vehicles from parking illegally fronting the driveway of 195 Fern Avenue. Continued parking enforcement is required to augment this measure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. the existing “two hours from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday” maximum parking regulation on the west side of Roncesvalles Avenue, from The Queensway to Geoffrey Street be amended to operate between The Queensway and a point 38 metres south of Fern Avenue and from a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to Geoffrey Street;
2. the existing “three hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday” maximum parking regulation on the west side of Roncesvalles Avenue, from The Queensway to Geoffrey Street be amended to operate between The Queensway and a point 38 metres south of Fern Avenue and from a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to Geoffrey Street;
3. the existing “one hour from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday” maximum parking regulation on the west side of

- Roncesvalles Avenue, from a point 21.3 metres south of Marmaduke Street to a point 91.4 metres north of Queen Street West, be rescinded;
4. the existing “No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays” regulation on the west side of Roncesvalles Avenue, from a point 118 metres north of Queen Street West to Dundas Street West be amended to operate from a point 118 metres north of Queen Street West to a point 38 metres south of Fern Avenue and a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to Dundas Street West; and
 5. a “No Parking Anytime” regulation be introduced on the west side of Roncesvalles Avenue from a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to a point 9 metres further south thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget interim appropriations	\$600
Total financial impact		\$600

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Gord Perks, on behalf of an area resident, staff of Transportation Services have reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting parking anytime on the west side of Roncesvalles Avenue from a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to a point 9 metres further south thereof, to prevent vehicles from encroaching into a driveway.

COMMENTS

Roncesvalles Avenue is a minor arterial roadway, providing two-way traffic operation in a northerly and southerly direction on a pavement width of 12.9 metres. Regularly scheduled Toronto Transit Commission streetcar service operates on this street. Parking is presently prohibited on the west side of the street, between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West, during the hours 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. In addition, during the course of this investigation a redundant parking regulation has been identified and will be rescinded (Recommendation No. 3).

On street parking along Roncesvalles Avenue, between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West is allowed on the east and west sides of the street and is controlled by pay-and-display parking machines at a rate of \$1.00 per hour, for the following duration, days and time periods:

East side:

- maximum period of two-hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, reverting to a maximum parking limit of three-hours, until 9:00 p.m.; and
- maximum parking limit of three-hours, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays.

West side:

- maximum period of two-hours, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, reverting to a maximum parking limit of three-hours, until 9:00 p.m.;
- maximum parking limit of two-hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., reverting to a maximum parking limit of three-hours, until 9:00 p.m., Saturdays; and
- maximum parking limit of three-hours, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays.

A statutory unsigned parking prohibition in front of or within 60 centimetres of any driveway, is in effect City-wide, however, the residents of 195 Fern Avenue experience persistent difficulties exiting their driveway onto Roncesvalles Avenue due to vehicles parking into the driveway and creating a potential unsafe situation. To ensure minimum sightlines are maintained at all times, parking should be prohibited on the west side of Roncesvalles Avenue from a point 29 metres south of Fern Avenue to a point 9 metres further south thereof, overlapping the driveway for 195 Fern Avenue.

Signage associated with the proposed “No Parking Anytime” regulation will make the driveway more visible to motorists.

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