

Amendments to parking regulations on Glebeholme Boulevard, east of Coxwell Avenue

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request Council’s authority to reduce the length of an existing corner parking prohibition on Glebeholme Boulevard, east of Coxwell Avenue and provide the Members of Council with information on which to make an informed decision on a request to implement 24-hour permit parking on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue.

The current parking prohibition on the north and south sides of Glebeholme Boulevard, east of the Coxwell/Glebeholme intersection could be reduced in length by approximately 15 metres to provide five additional parking spaces on the street. Implementation of 24-hour permit parking is not advisable due to the potential impacts on parking in the neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Parking be prohibited at all times on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to a point 15 metres east thereof;
2. Parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to a point 15 metres east thereof; and
3. Regulations allowing parking by permit holders only at all times on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue, not be implemented.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to undertake the necessary sign installation associated with adjusting the parking regulations on both sides of Glebeholme Boulevard, east of Coxwell Avenue is estimated to be \$500.00. If in addition Council decides to allow 24-hour permit parking on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, as outlined in this report, there will be an additional cost of \$500.00 to undertake the sign adjustments. Funds are available in the Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Following a public meeting on July 18, 2006, Councillor Janet Davis requested us to review options and report on the feasibility of amending the parking regulations on Glebeholme Boulevard, near Coxwell Avenue in a way that will increase the potential number of on-street parking spaces for residents of the street.

COMMENTS

Glebeholme Boulevard, east of Coxwell Avenue is a local road operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a speed limit of 40 km/h. The intersection of Coxwell Avenue and Glebeholme Boulevard is signalized. With the exception of parking prohibitions near the corners, parking is allowed on both sides of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue.

With respect to the specific requests of residents, we note the following:

Reducing the length of the corner parking prohibition

The traffic by-laws prohibit parking within 30.5 metres of a signalized intersection unless otherwise authorized by a by-law amendment. This regulation ensures that:

- there are good sight lines between motorists and pedestrians crossing the road;
- there is opportunity for straight through and/or right-turning vehicles to change lanes and bypass queued vehicles waiting to turn left where road width will allow;
- there is sufficient distance in advance of the intersection for motorists making a turn onto the intersecting street to either slow down before the intersection or speed up to merge with traffic flow beyond the intersection; and/or
- an area is provided for a TTC bus to pull into the curb to load/off-load passengers.

Since Glebeholme Boulevard is a local street with lower traffic volume, there is lesser need to prohibit parking within 30.5 metres of Coxwell Avenue and the corner parking prohibition could be reduced to 15.0 metres without adversely impacting intersection operation or safety. Reducing the corner parking prohibition on the north side of

Glebeholme Boulevard, east of Coxwell Avenue will provide three more parking spaces. Making the same amendment on the south side of Glebeholme Boulevard, east of Coxwell Avenue will provide two more parking spaces.

24-hour permit parking on the north side of the street

The permit parking regulations are in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily on both sides of Glebeholme Boulevard, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodington Avenue. Residents have requested that the regulation on the north side of the street be amended to allow parking by permit only at all times.

There are less than 30 streets in Toronto where 24-hour permit parking is in effect on either the entire street or a section of the street. The reasons for allowing 24-hour permit parking are varied but most commonly are as follows:

- In 14 cases, this regulation applies on streets near Exhibition Place and only during the period when the Canadian National Exhibition is in operation;
- In 7 cases, there is an external feature such as the streets proximity to Rogers Centre, Kensington Market, or park/recreation complex that attracts transient parking and limits available on-street parking spaces for residents; and
- In 2 cases, 24-hour permit parking operates in conjunction with the “island parking” traffic calming initiative.

There are no streets where 24-hour permit parking is in effect on one side of the street and a different permit parking period is in effect on the other side.

In all instances, 24-hour permit parking potentially impacts adjacent streets.

- It provides exclusive consideration to residents of one street potentially creating the perception of favouritism to a select group;
- Guests (of residents) and trades persons are unable to park on the street with 24-hour permit parking and are forced to find parking spaces on other streets. This reduces availability of parking spaces for residents of those other streets;

In the case of Glebeholme Boulevard, allowing 24-hour permit parking on one side of the street while maintaining the 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. operational period on the other side creates inconsistency that could lead to confusion for resident parkers and parking enforcement officers.

We appreciate residents’ desire to have more parking spaces provided for their use on a more frequent basis. The provision of 5 additional parking spaces noted above will help in this regard. However, given the negative impacts noted, we do not recommend allowing 24-hour permit parking on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, between Coxwell Avenue and Woodington Avenue.

If Council decides that allowing 24-hour permit parking on this section of Glebeholme Boulevard is in the best interests of residents and the community, then the following amendments need to be moved:

1. The “No Parking Except By Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.” regulation on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue, be rescinded; and
2. A “No Parking Except By Permit, 12:00 midnight of one day to 12:00 midnight of the next following day” regulation be implemented on the north side of Glebeholme Boulevard, from Coxwell Avenue to Woodington Avenue.

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