

Thursday parking prohibition, various streets – Ward 18

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to introduce Thursday parking prohibitions, beginning April 1st through November 30th, yearly, to enhance mechanical street sweeping operations, within the area bounded by the north and west boundary limits of Ward 18, Bloor Street West to the south and Dufferin Street to the east.

Thursday parking prohibitions benefit residents by allowing the City’s street cleaning services to provide a planned and scheduled service on both sides of a street in keeping with the City’s clean and beautiful initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. prohibit parking each Thursday, from April 1st to November 30th, at the locations described in Schedule “A” attached to this report in order to facilitate mechanical street sweeping operations.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$6,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff have evaluated each of the streets within the area bounded by the north and west boundary limits of Ward 18, Bloor Street West to the south and Dufferin Street to the east to extend Thursday parking prohibitions as requested by Councillor Adam Giambrone.

COMMENTS

Street cleaning operations in residential areas generally begin in April of each year and run through to the end of November, weather permitting. Residential streets that are not encumbered with long-term parking are targeted for cleaning with mechanical sweepers on a cycle of approximately once a week in high traffic areas (less frequently in low traffic areas). This operation provides the most cost-effective means of delivering the service on a regular basis.

Cleaning the parked side of streets in the central area, however, has been a challenge for decades, and numerous experiments using different flusher nozzels, vacuum equipment, etc., have not provided a viable solution.

Alternate side parking is one alternative that allows for a balanced street cleaning service on an individual street beginning the first of April through to the end of November. This programme changes parking from one side of the street to the opposite side for each half of each month. However, in many instances, streets are too narrow to safely accommodate the changeover times, and in others, there is a large difference in the number of spaces potentially available on one side versus the other.

In 2004, Councillor Giambrone, introduced a one-year trial programme within the residential area bounded by Dundas Street West, Dufferin Street, Queen Street West and Dovercourt Road where on-street parking was prohibited on every Thursday on those streets where on-street parking was exclusive to one side of the street. Since this time, the program has been expanded to include other residential areas.

Thursday parking prohibition in the area bounded by the north and west limits of Ward 18, Bloor Street West to the south and Dufferin Street to the east will facilitate mechanical street sweeping, on each of the streets as set out in Schedule “A”, commencing April 1st to November 30th. To inform motorists of the Thursday parking prohibition, traffic signage will be installed.

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ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Schedule “A”
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-8699, dated February 2007

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