



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Macpherson Avenue – Parking Amendments

Date:	March 12, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 22
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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 to amend parking regulations on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, between Poplar Plains Road and Rathnelly Avenue.

The proposed amendments will improve traffic safety and provide parking permit holders with a longer time period in which parking is available for their use only.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council approve:

1. rescinding the one-hour maximum parking regulation, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, Monday to Friday, on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, from Poplar Plains Road to Rathnelly Avenue;
2. rescinding permit parking, from 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on south side of Macpherson Avenue, between Poplar Plains Road and Rathnelly Avenue;
3. a no stopping at anytime prohibition on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, from Poplar Plains Road to a point 33 metres further east;
4. a no parking at anytime prohibition on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, from a point 33 metres east of Poplar Plains Road to a point 91 metres further east

and from a point 150.5 metres east of Poplar Plains Road to east curb of Rathnelly Avenue; and

5. a one hour maximum parking limit from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, and permit parking, from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 10:00 a.m. of the next following day, daily on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, from a point 124 metres east of Poplar Plains Road and a point 26.5 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget interim appropriations	\$1,500

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff in consultation with Councillor Michael Walker have reviewed the parking regulations on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, between Poplar Plains Road and Rathnelly Avenue to improve traffic flow and provide enhanced parking opportunities for permit holders. Residents have expressed concerns about parking congestion created by commuter parking and the traffic safety associated with this activity.

COMMENTS

Macpherson Avenue, between Poplar Plains Road and Rathnelly Avenue operates two-way on a pavement width of 6.4 metres and with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking is currently allowed on the south side of Macpherson Avenue for a maximum period of one hour, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, Monday to Friday and for a maximum period of three hours at all other times, except the hours from 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, when permit parking is in effect. Parking on the north side is prohibited at all times.

Local residents want parking prohibited on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, except in the area fronting Nos. 283 through 287. Prohibiting parking will ease congestion and improve two-way traffic flow on this narrow section of Macpherson Avenue. As the introduction of this regulation will result in the loss six parking spaces for motorists visiting the businesses on Macpherson Avenue, this may be unpopular with businesses and their customers.

Residents are also requesting that the permit parking hours for the remaining spaces be extended to apply from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily to improve access.

A No Stopping Anytime regulation should be introduced from Poplar Plans Road to a point 33 meters further east to decrease congestion at the Poplar Plans Road/Macpherson Avenue intersection.

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