



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Collier Street – Removal of a parking space

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale
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SUMMARY

This report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services staff investigated concerns that large vehicles, including fire trucks, were having trouble turning right into Collier Street from Yonge Street. We have confirmed that parked vehicles are interfering with this movement. Eliminating the first parking space east of Yonge Street and prohibiting stopping on the north side of Collier Street, from Yonge Street to a point 20 metres east, will discourage parking in this area and keep the roadway clear.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. amend the parking regulations on the north side of Collier Street, east of Yonge Street as follows:
 - a. prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Collier Street, from Yonge Street to a point 20 metres east; and
 - b. amend the existing parking machine regulations on the north side of Collier Street to operate from a point 20 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 47 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget Interim Appropriations	\$ 1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In January 2007, Councillor Kyle Rae requested Transportation Services to investigate a complaint his office had received about parking on the north side of Collier Street, east of Yonge Street. The complaint suggested parked vehicles impeded traffic and made it difficult for vehicles turning from Yonge Street onto Collier Street.

COMMENTS

Road Conditions

Collier Street is a local road operating one-way eastbound from Yonge Street to Church Street. No TTC service operates on this street. The width of the street is about 5.5 metres. The following parking regulations are in effect:

- Stopping is prohibited at all times on the south side of the street;
- Standing is prohibited at all times on the north side, from a point 67 metres east of Yonge Street to Church Street; and
- Parking with various time-limit restrictions and Pay-&-Display requirements occurs on the north side, from Yonge Street to a point 67 metres east thereof.

A 15-metre corner parking prohibition is signed on the north side of Collier Street, immediately east of Yonge Street.

Investigation

Staff's investigation confirmed that large vehicles have insufficient space to complete a safe right turn from northbound Yonge Street onto Collier Street. Staff also spoke with the Toronto Fire Service regarding this matter. Their staff confirmed that fire trucks from a nearby fire station have difficulty turning from northbound Yonge Street onto Collier Street. With the narrow pavement width, these larger vehicles need a clear roadway for about 20 metres from Yonge Street to complete their turn. Parked vehicles on the north side of Collier Street, both legal and illegal, cause the problem.

Resolution

To keep Collier Street clear for large vehicles to turn into, we need to eliminate the first legal parking space on the north side, east of Yonge Street. We also need to deter illegal parking within the corner parking prohibition. Removal of the parking space by itself will not resolve the turning problem. Implementing a more stringent "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the north side of Collier Street, from Yonge Street to a point 20

metres east is required and will most effectively deter illegal parking and keep the roadway clear.

This proposal will result in the loss of one pay-and-display parking space.

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