
Introduce Thursday parking prohibition on various streets – Ward 21

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for 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 a Thursday parking prohibition, commencing April 1st through November 30th, to enhance mechanical street sweeping operations within the area bounded by St. Clair Avenue West to the north, Shaw Street to the west, south boundary limits of Ward 21 and Spadina Road to the east.

The Thursday parking prohibition benefits all residents by allowing the City's street cleaning services to provide a planned and scheduled service on both sides of a street.

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.	\$8,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services’ staff have evaluated each of the streets within the area bounded by St. Clair Avenue West to the north, Shaw Street to the west, south boundary limits of Ward 21 and Spadina Road to the east to report on introducing the Thursday parking prohibition programme, as requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc,

COMMENTS

Street cleaning operations in residential areas generally commence the first of April 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 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.

Alternate side parking is one alternative that affords the opportunity of a balanced street cleaning service on an individual street commencing 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. There are, however, certain limitations to where this may be applied. In many instances, streets are simply too narrow to safely accommodate the changeover times, and in others, there is a large discrepancy in the number of spaces potentially available on one side versus the other.

In 2006, Councillor Mihevc, in keeping with the Clean City initiative, introduced a one-year trial programme within the residential area bounded by Winona Drive, Davenport Road, Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue where on-street parking was prohibited on every Thursday on only those streets where on-street parking was exclusive to one side of the street. Based on Councillor Mihevc’s feedback from the local residents and positive field observations, including Road Operations’ staff input, this pilot programme to move parked cars to facilitate mechanical street sweeping on a designated day each week has been successful in keeping with the Clean City initiative, and was permanently approved by Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of March 27, 2007 (Item TE4.87).

Councillor Mihevc is seeking to expand the programme in the area bounded by St. Clair Avenue West to the north, Shaw Street to the west, south boundary limits of Ward 21 and Spadina Road to the east. This will facilitate mechanical street sweeping on each of the streets as set out in Schedule “A”, commencing April 1st to November 30th. To educate and inform motorists of the Thursday parking prohibition, appropriate traffic signage will be installed.

TTC transit service does not operate on any of the streets impacted by this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Schedule "A"
2. Drawing No. 421F-8770, April 2007

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