



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Richmond Street West – Parking Amendments

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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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 north side of Richmond Street West, from Simcoe Street to a point 66.4 metres further west in the vicinity of MTCC #1289, 168 Simcoe Street (located on the northwest corner of Richmond Street West and Simcoe Street).

The introduction of a “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition will improve traffic safety along Richmond Street West and not result in a loss to on street parking as parking is currently prohibited.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. rescinding the “No Parking Anytime” prohibition, on the north side of Richmond Street, from Simcoe Street to a point 66.4 metres further west;
2. rescinding the “No Standing from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday to Monday” prohibition on north side of Richmond Street, from Simcoe Street to a point 66.4 metres further west;
3. rescinding the “No Stopping from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays” prohibition on the north side of Richmond Street, from Simcoe Street to a point 66.4 metres further west; and

4. implementing a “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Richmond Street West, from Simcoe Street to a point 66.4 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget	\$600

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff in consultation with Councillor Adam Vaughan have reviewed the parking regulations on the north side of Richmond Street, abutting Qwest Condominium, 168 Simcoe Street to enhance public safety and quality of life for the residents residing at this location. Residents have expressed concerns about the negative impacts created by increased vehicular and pedestrian activities associated with night clubs in the entertainment district.

COMMENTS

Richmond Street West, west of Simcoe Street operates one-way in a westerly direction on a pavement width of 14 metres, with a speed limit of 50 km/h. Parking is currently allowed on the south side of Richmond Street West for a maximum period of two hours, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays; parking is also allowed for a maximum period of 5.5 hours, from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Monday to Friday; and for a maximum period of 6 hours, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Saturdays, and 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sundays regulated by pay and display parking machines. Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times, except the hours from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday through Monday, when standing is prohibited. Parking on the north side is prohibited at all times, with no stopping during the evening rush hour period, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, as well a no standing parking regulation during the hours from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday through Monday.

Local residents are requesting the “No Parking at Any times” prohibition be changed to “No Stopping” on the north side of Richmond Street, from Simcoe Street to a point 66.4 metres further west. Prohibiting stopping will ease congestion and enhance public safety at this location. Concurrently this regulation will not result in the loss of any parking spaces on the north side of Richmond Street, as parking is presently prohibited at all times.

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