

Hillsdale Avenue West, between Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue – Request for parking on the north side of the bridge over the TTC Right-Of-Way

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Ward:	St. Paul’s, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request to implement parking on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West on the bridge over the TTC Subway Right-Of-Way.

Parking on both sides of Hillsdale Avenue West on the bridge over the TTC Subway Right-Of-Way would hinder winter maintenance operations and simultaneous two-way traffic operations, and will negatively impact on emergency services operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. parking not be implemented on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West on the bridge over the TTC Subway Right-Of-Way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adopting the above-noted Recommendation will not result in any financial impact, however should Council decide to implement parking on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West on the bridge over the TTC Subway Right-Of-Way, the following financial impacts will apply.

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$800

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of area residents, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of increasing parking opportunities for area residents through the implementation of parking on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West on the bridge over the TTC Subway Right-Of-Way.

COMMENTS

Hillsdale Avenue West, from Yonge Street to Duplex Avenue operates two-way with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. The pavement width on this section of Hillsdale Avenue West is 9.8 metres from Yonge Street to the western boundary of the bridge located approximately 65 further west, after which the roadway narrows to a width of 8.5 metres. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West. A statutory "No Stopping" regulation exists on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West on the bridge section of roadway located over the TTC Yonge Subway right-of-way.

On the south side of Hillsdale Avenue West, from Yonge Street to a point 28 metres further west (to the first laneway west of Yonge Street) "Stopping" is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday. This section of roadway is also completely ramped along the south side, so therefore carries a statutory "No Parking at Anytime" regulation. Parking is permitted by permit only on the south side of Hillsdale Avenue West, from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 Saturday and Sunday, from the first laneway west of Yonge Street to Duplex Avenue. Parking is allowed in this section without a permit for a maximum period of one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Parking at all other times is permitted on the south side of the subject section of Hillsdale Avenue West for a maximum period of three hours.

"Stopping" is prohibited upon any bridge or elevated structure, or within any tunnel or underpass in the City of Toronto, with the exception of four roadways: Hillsdale Avenue West, Imperial Street, Lola Road and Summerhill Avenue. These roadways were exempted from the by-law in 2001, after a successful trial period in which motorists were allowed to park on one side of these bridges over the TTC Yonge Street right-of-way during the time period that Yonge Street was undergoing full reconstruction between St. Clair Avenue and Eglinton Avenue.

Transportation Services has investigated allowing parking on the north side of the bridge section of Hillsdale Avenue West. In terms of the structural integrity of the bridge, the Structures and Expressways Unit of Technical Services has indicated that the bridge has been recently rehabilitated and would be adequate for the loading that would be imposed by parking on both sides of the street, along with the flow of normal traffic. The 9.8 metre road width over the bridge does provide the minimum width necessary for the consideration of two-sided parking. However, allowing parking on both sides of the bridge would greatly hinder snow ploughing. With no open side on the bridge to plough snow, windrows would build up along the sides of the parked vehicles, not only hindering the residents' access to their vehicles, but seriously narrowing the remaining width of the roadway. Having vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway would also increase the

possibility of collisions, due to the increased tendency for freezing on the road surface of bridges. For this reason bridges receive a higher priority for winter maintenance and it is imperative to have parking prohibited on at least one side to accommodate the increased level of winter maintenance service that a bridge requires.

Fire Services has indicated that they are not in favour of this proposal as the implementation of parking on the north side of the bridge would reduce the width of the roadway to less than the minimum 6.0 metre wide fire access. Accordingly, due to safety considerations, we do not recommend double-sided parking at the subject location.

Notwithstanding the above, should the Toronto and East York Community Council wish to proceed with the implementation of parking on the north side of the bridge section of Hillsdale Avenue West, then the following recommendations should be adopted:

1. that parking be permitted for a maximum period of one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday on the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West, from a point 36.5 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 26 metres further west;
2. that overnight on-street permit parking be extended to incorporate the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West from a point 36.5 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 26 metres further west, to operate under the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday; and
3. that schedule 1, of Municipal Code Chapter 925, Permit Parking, be amended to incorporate the north side of Hillsdale Avenue West from a point 36.5 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 26 metres further west.

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ATTACHMENTS

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