



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Queens Quay West, between Lower Spadina Avenue and a point 140 metres east – 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

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Vaughan to enact a “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition on Queens Quay West, near the traffic control signals located approximately 55 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue. Vehicles displaying disabled parking permits are legally parking in areas signed as “No Parking, Anytime”, creating sightline obstructions and potential safety concerns.

The introduction of a “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition on this section of Queens Quay West will improve the flow of traffic and will reduce safety concerns. There are sufficient parking facilities in the area to accommodate the displaced parking. This prohibition will also eliminate all on-street pick-up/drop-off opportunities for residents as well as deliveries for businesses. However, these activities can be done off-street in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. amend the existing “No Parking, Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Queens Quay West, between Rees Street and Lower Spadina Avenue, to operate on both sides of Queens Quay West, between Rees Street and a point 215 metres west of Rees Street;
2. rescind the existing “No Parking, Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Queens Quay West, between a point 60 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue and Rees Street; and

3. enact a “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition on both sides of Queens Quay West, between Lower Spadina Avenue and a point 140 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$ 500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Vaughan requested Transportation Services to introduce a “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition on Queens Quay West, near the traffic control signals located approximately 55 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue.

COMMENTS

Queens Quay West, between Lower Spadina Avenue and Rees Street, is a minor arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic flow of approximately 13,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. There are streetcar tracks in both directions that operate on an exclusive right-of-way. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service on this section of Queens Quay West is provided by the 509 Harbourfront and 510 Spadina streetcars.

There are traffic control signals on Queen Quay West, located approximately 55 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue, that provide access for the following uses (west to east):

- (a) a driveway to/from No. 410 Queens Quay West;
- (b) a TTC streetcar loop; and
- (c) a driveway to/from No. 390 Queens Quay West.

There is a “No Parking, Anytime” prohibition in effect on both sides of Queens Quay West at this intersection.

Councilor Vaughan, on behalf of the Queens Quay BIA, has indicated to Transportation Services that there are vehicles parking on Queens Quay West, near the noted traffic control signals, displaying disabled parking permits. The vehicles are legally entitled to park in an area that is by-lawed as “No Parking, Anytime”. Vehicles parking in close proximity to signalized intersections create sightline obstructions, resulting in safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. These concerns are worsened during the weekend periods, when the Harbourfront area is the busiest.

To address the safety concerns created by parked vehicles on Queens Quay West, a “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition can replace the existing “No Parking, Anytime” prohibition on both sides of the roadway, between Lower Spadina Avenue and a point 140 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue. The proposed prohibition will connect with an existing “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition on Queens Quay West, which begins at point approximately 140 metres east of Lower Spadina Avenue and extends 70 metres

further east. The existing prohibition is statutory, as Queens Quay West, between Lower Spadina Avenue and Rees Street, travels over the Peter Street Slip and Basin. Stopping is prohibited on any bridge structure in the City of Toronto with the statutory by-law. Additionally, an outdated “No Parking, Monday to Friday” prohibition within this section of Queens Quay West can be removed from the by-law at this time.

This proposal will improve the safety on this section of Queens Quay West by preventing vehicles displaying disabled parking permits from parking and obstructing the sightlines. The Queens Quay BIA has indicated that there are sufficient parking facilities in the area to accommodate the displaced parking and the off-street customer parking for the “Shoppers Drug Mart” is clearly signed for motorists. A “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition will also eliminate all on-street pick-up/drop-off opportunities for residents as well as deliveries for businesses. However, these activities can be done off-street in this area.

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