



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Hazelton Avenue – proposed changes to parking and traffic operation

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

This staff report deals with matters for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The Hazelton Hotel (118 Yorkville Avenue) has requested the section of Hazelton Avenue, between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street be made two-way instead of one-way northbound to improve traffic circulation to/from the hotel. This operational change will improve traffic circulation. Given the narrow pavement width of the street (6.4 metres) it is necessary to prohibit parking on both sides of this section of Hazelton Avenue to allow two-way traffic operation. This operational change on Hazelton Avenue will also require installation of a “Stop” sign for southbound traffic on Hazelton Avenue at Yorkville Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. allow two-way traffic operation on Hazelton Avenue, between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street; and
2. amend the traffic/parking regulations as follows to enable operation of two-way traffic on Hazelton Avenue, between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street:

- a. rescind the one-way northbound, at all times, regulation on Hazelton Avenue from Yorkville Avenue to Davenport Road;
- b. implement a one-way northbound, at all times, regulation on Hazelton Avenue from Scollard Street to Davenport Road;
- c. rescind the pay-and-display parking regulations on the east side of Hazelton Avenue from a point 15 metres north of Yorkville Avenue to a point 15 metres south of Scollard Street;
- d. prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Hazelton Avenue from Yorkville Avenue to Scollard Street; and
- e. approve installation of a “Stop” sign for southbound traffic on Hazelton Avenue at Yorkville Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$ 1000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was asked by Councillor Kyle Rae, to investigate and report on a request by the Hazelton Hotel to allow two-way traffic on a section of Hazelton Avenue, north of Yorkville Avenue. This is to improve traffic circulation to/from the new hotel.

COMMENTS

Roadway Characteristics

Hazelton Avenue is a local roadway operating one-way northbound from Yorkville Avenue to Davenport Road. The pavement width is 6.4 metres. Parking on Hazelton Avenue, between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street is allowed on the west side of the street. Parking machines regulate usage and require payment for parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday. Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side of the street.

Investigation

The Hazelton Hotel is a new development on the northwest corner of Hazelton Avenue and Yorkville Avenue. The hotel has increased the number of service vehicles such as garbage trucks, and delivery trucks travelling on Hazelton Avenue. These vehicles coupled with automobile traffic generated by the hotel has increased the volume of traffic traveling north on Hazelton Avenue into the residential neighbourhood to leave the area.

Hazelton Avenue and the surrounding neighbourhood often are congested with visitors, delivery vehicles and residents. Increased traffic generated by the hotel is further increasing delays to traffic flow and inconveniencing residents on Hazelton Avenue.

Resolution

Changing the operation of Hazelton Avenue, between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street from one-way northbound to two-way operation will allow vehicles generated by the hotel to return to Yorkville Avenue and travel west on Yorkville Avenue to leave the area. This two-way traffic operation is recommended:

- to provide the most direct route for traffic generated by the hotel to leave the neighbourhood;
- reduce the amount of commercial and non-resident traffic using Hazelton Avenue, north of Scollard Street; and
- improve traffic circulation to/from the Hazelton Hotel.

Other Considerations

The width of Hazelton Avenue is not enough to safely allow two-way traffic flow and maintain parking on the west side of the street. To accommodate two-way traffic operation it is necessary to prohibit parking at all times on both sides of Hazelton Avenue, from Yorkville Avenue to Scollard Street. This will eliminate about 10 parking spaces. Permit parking is not authorized on this section of Hazelton Avenue. The loss of parking is a minor inconvenience for nearby residents but has a greater impact on area businesses and visitors to the Yorkville community.

Two-way traffic flow also will require installation of a southbound “Stop” sign on Hazelton Avenue at Yorkville Avenue to clearly identify right-of-way at this intersection.

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