

TORONTO STAFF REPORT

August 17, 2006

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District

Subject: Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road – Proposed amendments to parking regulations (Davenport, Ward 18)

Purpose:

To report on a request from Councillor Adam Giambrone to amend the parking regulations on Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Comments:

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Adam Giambrone to report to Toronto and East York Community Council to amend the parking regulations on Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Street and Sterling Road, in order to allow for parking for patrons of adjacent businesses during the morning and afternoon rush periods.

Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road, is a four-lane, minor arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 16,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. Transit service is provided by the 505 Dundas streetcar, which operates on a shared right-of-way with general traffic. The subject section of Dundas Street West contains four traffic control signals and four pedestrian crossovers (PXO). There is transit signal priority on Dundas Street West to assist eastbound and westbound streetcars in clearing the signalized intersections.

The general parking regulations on this section of Dundas Street West are as follows:

North side:

- a) No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- b) No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday; and
- c) Pay-and-Display parking, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday.

South side:

- d) No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- e) No Parking, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- f) Pay-and-Display parking, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday.

The approximate hourly east-west traffic volumes on this section of Dundas Street West by time period and whether parking is permitted have been indicated in the following table:

Direction	Time Period	Average Volume	Parking Permitted?
Eastbound	A.M. Peak Hour	650	No
	Off-Peak Hour	430	Yes
	P.M. Peak Hour	510	No
Westbound	A.M. Peak Hour	330	No
	Off-Peak Hour	380	Yes
	P.M. Peak Hour	690	No

In 2000 and 2001, Transportation Services undertook investigations into the feasibility of rescinding the “No Parking” regulations on various sections of Dundas Street West, between College Street and Bathurst Street. The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) was strongly opposed to any relaxation of the existing parking prohibitions on the basis of the impacts to transit service and their comments are summarized as follows:

- a) The DUNDAS streetcar route carries 36,000 riders on a typical weekday, and is one of the busiest TTC routes;
- b) By allowing parking during the peak periods in the off-peak direction of travel, the TTC expects that capacity would be reduced and streetcar service would experience significant increased delays;
- c) To improve streetcar operations, the TTC has invested \$750,000 for signal transit priority on Dundas Street West and permitting parking would be a “step backwards” in their attempt to improve service; and
- d) TTC feels that permitting parking at the expense of public transit is an inappropriate trade-off.

Conclusion:

The rescission of the weekday peak period parking prohibitions on Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road, will result in increased parking for businesses and increased revenues from Pay-and-Display parking machines. However, this rescission will have negative impacts to the transit service in this section of Dundas Street West.

Notwithstanding, should Toronto and East York Community Council wish to proceed with the rescission of the peak period parking regulations on the north side, the south side or on both sides of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road, then one of the following alternative sets of recommendations listed in the attached Appendices “A”, “B” or “C” should be adopted, respectively.

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Attachments:

- (1) Appendix “A” - Rescission of peak period parking prohibition on the north side of Dundas Street West
- (2) Appendix “B” - Rescission of peak period parking prohibition on the south side of Dundas Street West
- (3) Appendix “C” - Rescission of peak period parking prohibition on the both sides of Dundas Street West
- (4) Drawing No. 421F-8475, dated August 2006

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Appendix “A”

Rescission of peak period parking prohibition on the north side of Dundas Street West

Should Toronto and East York Community Council wish to rescind the weekday morning peak period parking prohibition on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road, the following recommendations should be approved:

- (1) the parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the north side of Dundas Street West, from College Street to Dovercourt Road, be rescinded;
- (2) the two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on both sides of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be rescinded;
- (3) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted;
- (4) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the north side of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to Dovercourt Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted;
- (5) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the north side of Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

Appendix “B”

Rescission of peak period parking prohibition on the south side of Dundas Street West

Should Toronto and East York Community Council wish to rescind the weekday afternoon peak period parking prohibition on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road, the following recommendations should be approved:

- (1) the parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from College Street to a point 81 metres west of Dufferin Street, be rescinded;
- (2) the parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from a point 67 metres west of Dufferin Street to a point 29.4 metres west of Grove Avenue, be rescinded;
- (3) a parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to a point 29.4 metres west of Grove Avenue, be enacted;
- (4) the two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on both sides of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be rescinded;
- (5) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the north side of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted;
- (6) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to Dovercourt Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted;
- (7) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

Appendix “C”

Rescission of peak period parking prohibition on both sides of Dundas Street West

Should Toronto and East York Community Council wish to rescind the weekday morning and afternoon peak period parking prohibitions on both sides of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road, the following recommendations should be approved:

- (1) the parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the north side of Dundas Street West, from College Street to Dovercourt Road, be rescinded;
- (2) the parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from College Street to a point 81 metres west of Dufferin Street, be rescinded;
- (3) the parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from a point 67 metres west of Dufferin Street to a point 29.4 metres west of Grove Avenue, be rescinded;
- (4) a parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to a point 29.4 metres west of Grove Avenue, be enacted;
- (5) the two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on both sides of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be rescinded;
- (6) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the north side of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to Dovercourt Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted;
- (7) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Avenue to Dovercourt Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted;
- (8) two-hour pay-and-display parking, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on both sides of Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to a point 45 metres east of Roxton Road, at a rate of \$1.00 for one hour, be enacted; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.