

Thursday parking prohibition, various streets – Ward 18

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
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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 from Toronto and East York Community Council to amend the parking regulations on Thursdays, from April 1st to November 30th, of each year on those streets in Ward 18 outlined on Schedule “A” attached to this report.

In keeping with the City’s Clean and Beautiful City initiative, this program implemented initially on a one-year trial basis in Ward 18 has enhanced mechanical street sweeping and enabled staff to schedule cleaning services on both sides of each street on a regular basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. prohibit parking on Thursdays, from April 1st to November 30th of each year, on the streets outlined in Schedule “A” attached to this report.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$3,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of the Councillor Adam Giambrone, Transportation Services has completed an evaluation of the remaining streets in Ward 18 where parking regulations could be modified on Thursdays to enhance street cleaning.

COMMENTS

Street Cleaning Operations

Street cleaning operations in residential areas generally begin in April of each year and run through to the end of November, weather permitting. Residential streets that do not have long-term parking are scheduled for cleaning with mechanical sweepers approximately once a week, in high traffic areas, and less frequently in low traffic areas. This is the most cost-effective way of providing cleaning service on a regular basis.

Cleaning the parked side of streets in the central area of the City has been a challenge for many years. Numerous experiments using different flusher nozzels, vacuum equipment, etc., have had limited success but have not provided an acceptable solution.

Parking Modifications to Enhance Cleaning

The most common parking modification to enhance street cleaning operations has been the alternate side parking system. This system allows staff to provide regular street cleaning services on both sides of specific streets in the period from April to the end of November each year. Under this system parking changes from one side of the street to the opposite side about every two weeks. However, many local streets are too narrow to safely allow alternate side parking and cannot accommodate the temporary two-sided parking that often happens on changeover days. In other instances, the large difference in the number of parking spaces potentially available on one side of the street versus the other side of the street would inconvenience residents if alternate side parking regulations were in place.

In 2004, Councillor Giambrone, introduced a one-year trial program in Ward 18, to enhance street cleaning within the residential area bounded by Dundas Street West, Dufferin Street, Queen Street West and Dovercourt Road. Only streets where parking was allowed on one side were selected. Under the program the side of the street on which parking was allowed changed every Thursday, from April 1st through November 30th of each year. The program involved prohibiting parking every Thursday on the side of the street where parking was normally allowed, and transferring parking to the opposite side of the street for that day. This did not inconvenience residents. Also, T.T.C. bus service did not operate on any of the streets impacted by the program.

Since 2004, the program has been expanded each year to include other residential areas and now identifies a large number of residential streets in Ward 18 for cleaning with mechanical sweepers on a cycle of about once a week. The goal where possible, is to have each side of every street in Ward 18 cleaned on a weekly basis. The program has the full support of Councillor Adam Giambrone, has been well received in the community, and is in keeping with City's Clean and Beautiful City initiative.

The streets outlined in the attached copy of Schedule "A" are the last streets staff consider appropriate in Ward 18 for inclusion in the Thursday cleaning program.

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ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Schedule "A" – Continuation of Thursday parking prohibitions–Ward 18
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-9154, dated December 2007

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