

**Parking Amendments - Sammon Avenue, Coxwell Avenue and Mortimer Avenue**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29, Beaches-East York, Ward 31
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**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is seeking approval from City Council to amend the existing parking regulations in the vicinity of the Toronto East General Hospital.

The proposed changes to the existing parking controls will reduce illegal parking and congestion, and improve the overall traffic operations in the vicinity of Toronto East General Hospital.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Prohibit stopping at all times, on the north side of Sammon Avenue, from Coxwell Avenue to a point 30.5 metres east.
2. Prohibit stopping at all times, on the east side of Coxwell Avenue, from Sammon Avenue to a point 22 metres north.
3. Rescind the existing taxicab stand on the east side of Coxwell Avenue between a point 99.5 metres south of Mortimer Avenue and a point 21.5 metres further south.
4. Introduce a taxicab stand on the east side of Coxwell Avenue between a point 22 metres north of Sammon Avenue and a point 36 metres further north.

5. Prohibit stopping at all times, on the south side of Mortimer Avenue, from Coxwell Avenue to a point 66 metres east.
6. Prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Sammon Avenue, from a point 30.5 metres east of Coxwell Avenue to a point 26 metres further east.
7. Prohibit stopping at all times, on the north side of Sammon Avenue, from a point 56.5 metres east of Coxwell Avenue to a point 74.5 metres further east.
8. Adjust the Pay-and-Display parking times on the north side of Sammon Avenue from a point 30.5 metres east of Coxwell Avenue to a point 26 metres further east to operate from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

### Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget.	\$1400.00
	Toronto Parking Authority	\$500.00

The Toronto Parking Authority has advised that the proposed changes to the Pay-and-Display parking will result in an annual loss in revenue of approximately \$6,000.00.

### ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Janet Davis, on behalf of the Toronto East General Hospital, Neighbourhood Advisory Team, Transportation Services assessed the feasibility of amending the existing parking regulations in the vicinity of the hospital to reduce illegal parking and congestion.

### COMMENTS

#### Existing Conditions

Toronto East General Hospital is located on the east side of Coxwell Avenue and is bounded by Mortimer Avenue, Sammon Avenue and Knight Street. Traffic control signals are provided at the intersection of Coxwell Avenue and Sammon Avenue and Coxwell Avenue and Mortimer Avenue.

Sammon Avenue, east of Coxwell Avenue, is a collector road operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a speed limit of 40 km/h. The parking regulations on Sammon Avenue, from Coxwell Avenue to Knight Street are as follows:

North Side:

- No Parking Anytime within 30.5 metres of Coxwell Avenue; and

- Pay-and-Display parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily with parking otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

South Side:

- No Parking Anytime.

Coxwell Avenue, north of Sammon Avenue is a minor arterial road operating two-way on a pavement width of 14.0 metres with a speed limit of 40 km/h. TTC bus service operates on Coxwell Avenue, with one northbound bus stop on the east side of Coxwell Avenue at Mortimer Avenue, one community bus stop near the entrance of Toronto East General Hospital, and one southbound bus stop on the west side of Coxwell Avenue at Sammon Avenue.

The parking regulations on Coxwell Avenue between Sammon Avenue and Mortimer Avenue are as follows:

West Side:

- Pay-and-Display parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily with parking otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

East Side:

- Between Mortimer Avenue and the southerly hospital driveway, Pay-and-Display parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily with parking otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours; and
- South of the hospital driveway, a taxicab stand is provided.

The entry in the by-law does not reflect the current location of the taxicab stand on the east side of Coxwell Avenue, south of Mortimer Avenue. The recommendation in this report will revise the by-law to correspond with the signs on Coxwell Avenue.

## **Community Concerns**

The Neighbourhood Advisory Team is concerned with congestion occurring on the streets surrounding the hospital, particularly during the day with visiting hours and staff shift changes.

During site investigations, we observed illegal parking by taxis and motorists on the east side of Coxwell Avenue, north of Sammon Avenue, on the north side of Sammon Avenue, east of Coxwell Avenue and on the south side of Mortimer Avenue, east of Coxwell Avenue. When this occurs, congestion near the intersections increase and turning movements become problematic. Changing the “No Parking Anytime” regulations to “No Stopping Anytime” at these locations should help deter this activity. Introducing this stricter regulation should also assist with transit service on Coxwell Avenue and Mortimer Avenue.

On the north side of Sammon Avenue there are two driveways which access parking lots on the hospital property. Pay-and-Display parking is provided between the westerly

driveway and Coxwell Avenue. Parking is prohibited at all times between the two driveways. Vehicles parked on the north side of Sammon Avenue, both legally and illegally, interfere with turning movements to and from the driveway to the hospital parking lots. This causes congestion and confusion mid-block on Sammon Avenue. The proposal, as agreed to by the Neighbourhood Advisory Team, is:

1. prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Sammon Avenue between the two driveways, and
2. prohibit stopping on the north side of Sammon Avenue between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between the westerly driveway and Coxwell Avenue.

This proposal would reduce delays and congestion. It will impact approximately five Pay-and-Display parking spaces, by making them operational only on weekday evenings and weekends.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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