



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Parking Amendments – Grosvenor Street between Bay Street and Surrey Place**

<b>Date:</b>	August 12, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08143te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Grosvenor Street, between Surrey Place and Bay Street (in the vicinity of Women’s Collage Hospital), in order to improve sightlines at this crossing point for pedestrians destined to/from the hospital. There will be no impact on traffic operations; however, 2 pay-and-display parking spaces will be eliminated.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the regulation authorizing the operation of parking machines between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and between 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.50 per hour on the north side of Grosvenor Street between Bay Street and Queen’s Park Crescent East.
2. Authorize the operation of parking machines 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 for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.50 per hour on the north side of Grosvenor Street from a point 57.3 metres west of Bay Street to a point 70 metres west of Bay Street and from a point 90 metres west of Bay Street to Queen’s Park Crescent East.

3. Prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Grosvenor Street, from a point 70 metres west of Bay Street to a point 20 metres further west.

### **Financial Impact**

<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 operating budget	\$500.00

The Toronto Parking Authority estimates loss of annual revenue associated with the removal of two pay-and-display parking spaces on the north side of Grosvenor Street, from a point 70 metres west of Bay Street to a point 20 metres further west would be approximately \$17,888.00.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of staff at Women’s College Hospital and in consultation with Councillor Kyle Rae’s office, Transportation Services investigated the possibility of prohibiting stopping on the north side of Grosvenor Street at a mid-block crossing point between Surrey Place and Bay Street.

### **COMMENTS**

Grosvenor Street, between Bay Street and Queen’s Park Crescent East, operates two-way (eastbound and westbound), is classified as a collector roadway, and has a pavement width of 9.7 metres. This section of Grosvenor Street has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Pay and Display parking operates for a maximum period of three hours 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 on the north side of Grosvenor Street, from Bay Street to Queen’s Park Crescent East. Standing is prohibited at all times on the south side. There is no TTC service operating on Grosvenor Street.

Women’s College Hospital is situated in the block bounded by Grosvenor Street (north), Surrey Place (West), Bay Street (East) and Grenville Street (south). While the main entrance is on Grenville Street, pedestrian access to all the clinics associated with the hospital is from Grosvenor Street. The combination of high vehicular and pedestrian activity can result in a potential for vehicular/pedestrian conflicts in this vicinity. A majority of pedestrians, particularly the disabled and senior citizens, tend to cross Grosvenor Street using a ramped mid-block crossing point located between Surrey Place and Bay Street in order to travel between the hospital and its clinics. In particular, sightlines for pedestrians exiting the hospital clinics (Burton Hall) on the north side of Grosvenor Street that are destined for Women’s College Hospital located on the south side of the street become obstructed by vehicles parked in close proximity to this crossing point creating an unsafe situation.

In order to improve sightlines at this location, stopping should be restricted at all times on both sides of this crossing point. There will be a loss of two Pay and Display parking spaces as a result. While the loss of parking in this instance might be an inconvenience, the enhancement to overall operational safety should take precedence.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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