



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Changes in the parking regulations – St. Thomas Street**

<b>Date:</b>	October 28, 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>	Ts08191te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for 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 implement more stringent parking regulations on the west side of St. Thomas Street, between Charles Street West and Sultan Street. The proposed change will assist with maintaining two-way traffic on this narrow street.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the west side of St. Thomas Street from Charles Street West to Bloor Street West;
2. Prohibit parking at all times on the west side of St. Thomas Street from Bloor Street West to Sultan Street; and
3. Prohibit standing at all times on the west side of St. Thomas Street from Sultan Street to Charles Street West.

**Financial Impact**

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Councillor Kyle Rae, in consultation with area residents, requested Transportation Services to implement more stringent parking regulations on the west side of St. Thomas Street, from Charles Street West to Sultan Street, to discourage parking on this side of the street in order to help maintain unobstructed two-way traffic flow.

## **COMMENTS**

St. Thomas Street, between Charles Street West and Sultan Street operates two-way northbound and southbound and is classified as a local roadway with a pavement width of 6.4 metres. Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the west side of St. Thomas Street between Charles Street West and Bloor Street West. Standing is prohibited at all times on the east side of the street.

Transportation Services recently met with local residents and Councillor Kyle Rae's staff to discuss increasing the parking regulations on the west side of St. Thomas Street from Charles Street West to Sultan Street to deter long term parking and to promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow on this street. As mentioned, parking is currently prohibited at all times on the west side of St. Thomas Street, allowing for disabled parking and loading/unloading. Unfortunately, this section of St. Thomas Street is only 6.4 metres wide, and cannot safely accommodate two-way traffic flow if vehicles are parking on the west side of the street. Field investigations recently conducted by Transportation Services staff confirm this safety concern.

The parking regulation on the west side of St. Thomas Street from Charles Street West to Sultan Street, will be increased to a "No Standing Anytime" prohibition to deter long term parking and to promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow. There will be a loss of disabled parking and opportunity for loading and unloading of merchandise as a result. While the loss of disabled parking and merchandise loading will be an inconvenience, the enhancement to overall operational safety should take precedence.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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