



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Alternate Side Parking - Various Streets In Ward 21

Date:	October 23, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts08183te.top.doc

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 several parking regulations (as outlined in Appendix “A” and “B”, attached to this report), on streets in Ward 21 where parking changes from one side of the street to the other on Thursdays, from April 1 to November 30. This parking arrangement has been accepted favourably by residents of some streets but has been considered an inconvenience by others. Introducing a more conventional form of alternate side parking regulation on these streets, where parking changes from one side of the street to the other on a bi-monthly basis, is recommended.

These changes are in keeping with the City’s Clean and Beautiful City initiative to enable regular cleaning of both sides of the street by mechanical street sweepers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulations outlined in Appendix “A”, and attached to this report, stipulating that parking changes over from one side of the street to the other on Thursdays, from April 1 to November 30, on Arlington Avenue, Austin Terrace, Benson Avenue, Hilton Avenue, Marchmount Road, Melita Avenue, Minhó Boulevard, Walmer Road, and Wychcrest Avenue.

2. Approve implementation of the parking regulations outlined in Appendix “B”, and attached to this report, to introduce parking regulations where parking changes from one side of the street to the other on a bi-monthly basis on Arlington Avenue, Austin Terrace, Benson Avenue, Hilton Avenue, Marchmount Road, Melita Avenue, Minhó Boulevard, Walmer Road, and Wychcrest Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services has investigated the feasibility of changing the existing Thursday alternate side parking regulations on Arlington Avenue, Austin Terrace, Benson Avenue, Hilton Avenue, Marchmount Road, Melita Avenue, Minhó Boulevard, Walmer Road, and Wychcrest Avenue to the more conventional format where parking changes from one side of the street to the other on the 1st and 16th days of each month.

COMMENTS

Parking Modifications to Enhance Street Cleaning

The most common parking modification to enhance street cleaning operations has been the alternate side parking system. This system allows staff to provide mechanical street cleaning on both sides of streets from April to the end of November each year. Under this system, parking changes from one side of the street to the opposite side bi-monthly. Parking remains only on one side of the street during winter months, usually the side with the most number of parking spaces.

In 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council approved implementation of a “Thursday only” form of alternate side parking on several streets in Ward 21 to facilitate mechanical street cleaning operations. For the most part this has proven successful and been accepted by residents of the community.

Evaluation

Changing parking from one side of the street to the other on Thursday, then back again to the other side of the street on Friday, has proven inconvenient for some residents. Councillor Mihevc has received objections to this parking regulation. In response to these concerns, the Councillor’s office conducted informal polls of residents in which they were asked to respond indicating if they wished to keep the existing Thursday alternate side parking format or change it. Based on responses to this poll, Councillor Mihevc met with Transportation Services’ staff to discuss the feasibility of rescinding the Thursday alternate side parking format and implementing the more conventional twice-monthly format on the streets noted above. TTC bus service does not operate on any of the streets impacted by this report.

Although some of the streets outlined above are narrower than preferred for the conventional alternate side parking arrangement, the Thursday alternate side parking format has functioned for the past 7 months without incident.

Resolution

Appendix “A” and “B”, attached to this report, contain all the proposed changes to the parking regulations on those streets where staff recommends the introduction of the 15-day alternate side parking regulation. Drawing No. 421F-9432, dated September 2008, shows a map of all of the streets that were reviewed in this study.

These changes are in keeping with the City’s Clean and Beautiful City initiative to enable regular cleaning of both sides of the street by mechanical street sweepers.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9432, dated September 2008
- (2) Appendix “A” - Regulations to be Rescinded - Proposed 15-day alternate side parking
- (3) Appendix “B” - Regulations to be Implemented - Proposed 15-day alternate side parking

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