

Parking Amendments – Robertson Crescent

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

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 to prohibit standing at all times on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from Queens Quay West to a point 15 metres south.

This change in parking regulations will deter motorists, including those displaying a Disabled Persons' Parking Permit, from parking or standing in close proximity to the traffic control signals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Prohibit standing at all times on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from Queens Quay West to a point 15 metres south.
2. Rescind the "30 minute maximum parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m." and "one hour maximum parking, from 9:00 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. of the next day" regulations on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from a point 15 metres south of Queens Quay West to a point 32 metres further south.
3. Allow parking 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., Sundays, on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent from a point 15 metres south of Queens Quay West to a point 32 metres further south.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Interim 2009 Operating Budget	\$100.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Adam Vaughan, on behalf of area residents, staff of Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of prohibiting standing at all times on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from Queens Quay West to a point 15 metres south, to deter motorists from parking or standing in close proximity to the traffic control signals.

COMMENTS

Roberston Crescent is a two-way local road with a speed limit of 40 km/h and a pavement width of 6.5 metres. T.T.C. service does not operate on Robertson Crescent.

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from Queens Quay West to a point 15 metres south. Under the current by-laws parking is permitted for a maximum period of 30 minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and for 60 minutes between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from a point 15 metres south of Queens Quay West to a point 32 metres further south. However, during the course of our investigation it was noted that the “pay-and-display” machines have been upgraded to the standard 3-hour maximum time period. Adoption of Recommendation No. 2 and No. 3 of this report will reconcile the by-laws with field conditions. On the west side of the street stopping is prohibited at all times near Queens Quay West.

Area residents have expressed concerns that motorists, including those displaying a valid Disabled Persons’ Parking Permit are parking their vehicles within the prohibited area in close proximity to the traffic control signals. Where parking is prohibited, a motorist can legally stop at the curb to pick up or drop off passengers and/or goods. Vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Persons’ Parking Permit are generally exempt from “No Parking” regulations in most circumstances. However, they are not exempt from parking within 15 metres of an intersection, where appropriate signs have been installed. Notwithstanding, there can be some confusion regarding the extent of the exemptions granted under the Disabled Persons’ Parking Permit program. The presence of parked vehicles near Queens Quay West forces northbound motorists to partially enter the southbound lane of traffic causing congestion and conflicts.

The establishment of a “No Standing” regulation would ensure that all vehicles, including those displaying a Disabled Persons’ Parking Permit, could not legally park or stand on the east side of the west branch of Robertson Crescent, from Queens Quay West to a point 15 metres south. This would improve traffic operations at this intersection. Councillor Vaughan and the residents support this change to parking regulations at this intersection.

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- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9502, dated December 2008

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