

Two-way operation – Ontario Street

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From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to retain the current two-way operation on Ontario Street, from Wellesley Street East to the private laneway located 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East.

Maintaining the two-way operation on Ontario Street will reduce potential traffic infiltration onto adjacent residential streets and provide residents of the newly constructed condominium located on the southwest corner of Wellesley Street East and Ontario Street with adequate access.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Retain the current two-way operation on Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East; and
2. Prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East.

Financial Impact

Costs associated with this work, including sign changes, pavement markings, and traffic control signal changes will be borne by the developer, Willowfield Winchester Inc.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of January 16, 2007 (Item TE2.69), approved a temporary closure of the sidewalk and curb lane on Wellesley Street East, with associated parking regulation amendments, to facilitate a staging area to construct a condominium development on the southwest corner of Wellesley Street East and Ontario Street. This approval also included changing Ontario Street, from Wellesley Street East to a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East, from one-way northbound to two-way to facilitate construction access to the laneway on the south side of the property. This operational change required that two parking spaces be removed on the east side of Ontario Street, within this zone.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The construction of this condominium is now essentially complete. The staging area on Wellesley Street has been removed, and the parking regulations will be reinstated. However, a subsequent condition of Site Plan Approval (Site Plan Application 07 112402 STE 28 SA), required that Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and the site access, be permanently converted to two-way operation and that all costs associated with the implementation of the approved functional plan and pavement marking and signage plan be paid for by the developer, Willowfield Winchester Inc. It is therefore necessary to retain the temporary change to the operation of Ontario Street, and associated removal of parking spaces on Ontario Street.

COMMENTS

Ontario Street, between Prospect Street and Wellesley Street East, is a local roadway with a pavement width of approximately 7.2 metres. The intersection of Wellesley Street East and Ontario Street is controlled by traffic signals. There is no TTC service on Ontario Street. Prior to the introduction of changes to facilitate construction of the condominium building, this section of Ontario Street operated one-way northbound and the parking regulations were as follows:

West Side

- No Parking Anytime

East Side

- No Parking Anytime, Wellesley Street East to a point 30.5 metres south of Wellesley Street East

- Permit parking, 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Retaining the current two-way operation on Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and the laneway, will reduce potential traffic infiltration onto adjacent residential streets and provide residents of the newly constructed condominium located on the southwest corner of Wellesley Street East and Ontario Street with adequate access. Without the conversion to two-way operation, motorists would have to use alternate routes (Prospect Street, Rose Street, Lancaster Avenue, Winchester Street) through the neighbourhood to access the new condominium development.

Since Ontario Street is only 7.2 metres wide, two permit parking spaces had to be removed to allow for two-way traffic flow on this section of the street. Therefore, the existing 30.5 metre corner parking prohibition on the east side of Ontario Street, south of Wellesley Street must be extended to a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East.

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