

Amendments to Parking Regulations - Yarmouth Gardens

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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 the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting authority to rescind the alternate side parking regulations, provide parking at all times on the south side, adjust the hours of the on-street permit parking regulation and restrict parking to a maximum period of one hour outside permit parking hours on Yarmouth Gardens.

Implementation is feasible but street cleaning operations will potentially be less effective on the side of the street where parking occurs year round. Also, persons visiting in the area will have reduced parking opportunities. The changes to the parking regulations are supported by the residents and staff has no technical objection to their implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulations on Yarmouth Gardens outlined in Appendix "A".
2. Adopt the parking regulations on Yarmouth Gardens outlined in Appendix "B".

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Interim 2009 Operating Budget	\$1000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Adam Vaughan, on behalf of area residents, requested Transportation Services to report on:

- rescinding the alternate side parking regulations;
- providing parking at all times on the south side of Yarmouth Gardens, from Palmerston Avenue to Manning Avenue;
- reducing the on-street permit parking hours of operation; and
- restricting parking to a maximum period of one hour outside of the permit parking hours of operation.

COMMENTS

Yarmouth Gardens is a local one-way street running westbound from Palmerston Avenue to Manning Avenue. The pavement width is 7.3 metres and the speed limit is 40 km/h. There is no TTC service on this street.

Parking currently alternates bi-monthly on the 1st and 16th days between the north and south sides of the street, in the period from April 1st to November 30th of each year. During the winter months parking is only allowed on the south side of the street. Permit parking currently operates between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., daily. Parking is permitted for a maximum period of one hour between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily, and is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Impact of Changing the Parking Regulations

Alternate side parking regulations enable regular cleaning of both sides of a street by mechanical street sweepers and support the City's "Clean and Beautiful City" initiative. Rescinding the alternate side parking regulations and allowing parking at all times on the south side of Yarmouth Gardens, from Palmerston Avenue to Manning Avenue, is more convenient for local residents. However, this will impact on our ability to clean Yarmouth Gardens.

Reducing the on-street permit parking hours of operation and implementing a one-hour maximum parking regulation between 8:00 a.m. and 12:01 a.m. would allow non-permit holders, such as visitors and tradespersons, to park earlier in the day for a maximum period of one hour during non-permit hours. The one-hour regulation might discourage long term parking by non-permit holders but might also pose an inconvenience for visitors since they will be subject to enforcement after one hour.

A Public Notice of the proposal to reduce the permit parking hours of operation was placed in a major newspaper on May 9, 2008, with an expiration date to raise objections of May 23, 2008. The Clerk has confirmed that no written objection was received by the expiration date.

The regulatory changes outlined in Appendices “A” and “B” are feasible, will not adversely affect operational safety and are requested by the residents. Transportation Services has no objection to these changes from an operational standpoint.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9572, dated February 2009
- (2) Appendix “A” – Rescind Parking Regulations
- (3) Appendix “B” – Adopt Parking Regulations

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