



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Temporary Changes to Parking Regulations – Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue

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| Date: | March 9, 2009 |
| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
| Wards: | St. Paul's, Ward 21 |
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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 from Toronto and East York Community Council to temporarily rescind the alternate side parking regulations on sections of Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue, during reconstruction of the railway bridge on Bathurst Street, north of Dupont Street. Restricting parking to one side of the street only will enhance traffic operation in the area and create less inconvenience for residents already impacted by the construction project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing parking regulations on Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue outlined in Appendix "A", attached to this report.
2. Approve implementation of the parking regulations on Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue outlined in Appendix "B", attached to this report.

3. Upon completion of the bridge reconstruction project on Bathurst Street, north of Dupont Street, grant authority to revert Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue, to parking regulations outlined in Appendix “A”.

Financial Impact

| Type of Funding | Source of Funds | Amount |
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| Available within current budget | Toronto Transportation Services Interim 2009 Operating Budget | \$1,500.00 |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of area residents, requested Transportation Services to suspend the alternate side parking regulations on sections of Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue, and Howland Avenue for the duration of the bridge rehabilitation and road reconstruction activities currently taking place on Bathurst Street, between Dupont Street and Davenport Road. To minimize inconvenience to area residents, Councillor Mihevc requested that parking remain only on one side of each street until construction is completed, and then revert back to the alternate side format.

COMMENTS

Current Regulations

The following traffic and parking regulations are currently in effect on Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue.

Bridgman Avenue:

Bridgman Avenue, between Bathurst Street and Kendal Avenue is a collector roadway, operating two-way on a pavement width ranging from 8.5 to 9.7 metres. The following parking regulations are posted on the subject section of Bridgman Avenue:

North side:

- No parking anytime, from Dartnell Avenue to Kendal Avenue;
- Disabled persons' parking, from a point 11 metres west of Albany Avenue to a point 5.5 metres further west, anytime, except Thursday, April 1 to November 30;
- No parking anytime, from Howland Avenue to a point 45 metres east of Howland Avenue;
- No parking Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from Bathurst Street to Howland Avenue;
- No parking Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from a point 45 metres east of Howland Avenue to Dartnell Avenue;
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily, except Thursdays, from Bathurst Street to Howland Avenue and from a point 45 metres east of Howland Avenue to Dartnell Avenue; and

- Maximum one-hour parking, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, except Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from a point 45 metres east of Howland Avenue to Dartnell Avenue.

South Side:

- No parking anytime, from a point 44 metres east of Howland Avenue to Kendal Avenue;
- No parking anytime, except Thursday, April 1 to November 30, from Bathurst Street to a point 44 metres east of Howland Avenue;
- Disabled persons' parking, from a point 11 metres west of Albany Avenue to a point 5.5 metres further west, Thursdays only, April 1 to November 30; and
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from Bathurst Street to a point 44 metres east of Howland Avenue.

Dartnell Avenue:

Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, is a local roadway, operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. The following parking regulations are posted in the field on the subject section of Dartnell Avenue:

East side:

- No parking anytime, except Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from Bridgman Avenue to Davenport Road; and
- Parking by permit only, 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from Bridgman Avenue to Davenport Road.

West side:

- No parking anytime, from Bridgman Avenue to a point 30.5 metres north of Bridgman Avenue;
- No parking Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from a point 30.5 metres north of Bridgman Avenue to Davenport Road; and
- Parking by permit only, 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at all times, except Thursdays, April 1 – November 30, from a point 30.5 metres north of Bridgman Avenue to Davenport Road; and
- Maximum one hour parking limit 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily except Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from a point 30.5 metres north of Bridgman Avenue to Davenport Road.

Howland Avenue:

Howland Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, is also a local roadway, operating two-way on a pavement width of 7.3. The following parking regulations are posted in the field on the subject section of Howland Avenue:

East side:

- No parking anytime, from Davenport Road to a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road;
- No parking Thursdays, April 1 to November 30 from Bridgman Avenue to a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road; and
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at all times, except Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from Bridgman Avenue to a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road.

West side:

- No parking anytime from Davenport Road to a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road;
- No parking anytime, except Thursday, April 1 to November 30 from Bridgman Avenue to a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road; and
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Thursdays, April 1 to November 30, from Bridgman Avenue to a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road.

Investigation and Analysis

Bridge rehabilitation and road reconstruction currently taking place on Bathurst Street, between Dupont Street and Davenport Road, is raising concerns from residents on Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue and Howland Avenue about increased traffic volume, restricted ingress/egress, and the general inconvenience they experience. Some disruption and inconvenience is expected and will occur during a construction project of this magnitude. However, in order to minimize inconvenience, residents have asked their ward Councillor to temporarily rescind the current alternate side parking regulations where parking changes from one side of the street to the other on Thursday of each week, from April 1 to November 30, for street cleaning.

Although changing the current parking regulations as requested will impact on the ability to clean both sides of the street on a regular basis with mechanical street sweepers, staff has no technical objection to this proposed temporary changes. Parking will remain on one side of the street year round until completion of the construction project, expected in February 2010. This temporary change will give residents one less issue to be concerned about; however, is unlikely to discourage or reduce traffic infiltration, and it would not improve local access.

The regulatory changes required to bring about the change to the parking regulations on Bridgman Avenue, Dartnell Avenue, and Howland Avenue are listed on Appendices “A” and “B”, attached to this report.

During the course of our investigation, staff detected discrepancies between entries contained in Chapter 400 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code and the regulations posted in the field. Adoption of the recommendations outlined in Appendices “A” and “B” of this report will reconcile the by-law entries with the regulations signed in the field once the alternate side parking format is reinstated.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Appendix “A” – Regulations to be Rescinded
- (2) Appendix “B” – Regulations to be Implemented
- (3) Drawing No. 421F-9588, dated March 2009 – Existing parking regulations - Bridgman Avenue
- (4) Drawing No. 421F-9589, dated March 2009 – Proposed parking regulations – Bridgman Avenue
- (5) Drawing No. 421F-9590, dated March 2009 – Existing parking regulations – Dartnell Avenue
- (6) Drawing No. 421F-9591, dated March 2009 – Proposed parking regulations – Dartnell Avenue
- (7) Drawing No. 421F-9592, dated March 2009 – Existing parking regulations – Howland Avenue
- (8) Drawing No. 421F-9593, dated March 2009 – Proposed parking regulations – Howland Avenue