



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed parking amendment – Yorkville Avenue, east of Bay Street

<b>Date:</b>	February 27, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09037te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to adjust the current parking regulations on the north side of Yorkville Avenue, east of Bay Street.

The proposal to prohibit stopping at all times east of Bay Street will ensure two-way traffic flow is maintained on this narrow street.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Rescind the existing “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Yorkville Avenue from Bay Street to a point 40 metres east of Bay Street and from a point 88 metres east of Bay Street to Yonge Street.
2. Prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Yorkville Avenue from Bay Street to a point 40 metres further east.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Interim 2009 Operating Budget	\$500.00

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Association, in consultation with Councillor Kyle Rae, Transportation Services was requested to adjust the current

parking regulation on the north side of Yorkville Avenue, east of Bay Street to deter parking and promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow.

## **COMMENTS**

Yorkville Avenue, between Bay Street and Yonge Street is classified as a collector roadway operating two-way (eastbound and westbound) on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres. This section of Yorkville Avenue accommodates a TTC bus route during the rush periods (Bay 6 A,B), Fire Hall No. 312 and a Toronto Parking Authority parking facility. The posted speed limit on this street is 40km/h. The by-law contains an entry indicating that parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Yorkville Avenue between Bay Street and Yonge Street. This error is corrected with the approval of Recommendation No. 1 of this report.

The following parking regulations are currently signed on this section of Yorkville Avenue:

### North Side:

- parking is prohibited at all times from Bay Street to a point 40 metres further east;
- parking is prohibited at all times from 40 metres east of Bay Street to a point 48 metres further east (commercial loading zone);
- standing is prohibited at all times from 88 metres east of Bay Street to Yonge Street (vicinity of the Fire Hall and T.T.C. Bus Stop); and

### South Side:

- stopping is prohibited at all times from Bay Street to Yonge Street.

Transportation Services recently met with members of the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Association and Councillor Kyle Rae's staff to discuss amending the current parking regulations on the north side of Yorkville Avenue, east of Bay Street to deter long term parking and to promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow on this street. As mentioned, parking is currently prohibited at all times on the north side of Yorkville Avenue, just east of Bay Street. Loading is allowed in this area and vehicles with disabled persons parking permits also frequently park there. Access to/from the Toronto Parking Authority parking facility is located on the south side of Yorkville Avenue, opposite the "No Parking" area. The street cannot safely accommodate two-way traffic flow if vehicles are parking on the north side of the street and there is a potential for Fire Services vehicles to be blocked. Also, vehicles attempting to enter/exit the parking facility have difficulty avoiding parked cars. Transportation Services staff have confirmed this safety concern.

The parking restriction on the north side of Yorkville Avenue, east of Bay Street will be amended to a “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition to deter long-term parking and to promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow. Disabled parking and loading/unloading opportunity will be lost as a result. While the loss of disabled parking and loading/unloading opportunity will be an inconvenience, the enhancement to overall operational safety on this section of Yorkville Avenue should take precedence.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9571, dated February 2009

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