



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments – Crawford Street

Date:	March 25, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
Reference Number:	Ts09064te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has been requested by Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone to remove the stopping prohibition on both sides of Crawford Street at the public lane adjacent to Premises No. 227. This lane accesses Trinity Bellwoods Park and John Gibson House. The stopping prohibition was introduced to improve access for emergency vehicles which use this lane.

A new access for emergency vehicles has been built to the south to replace the lane access and the stopping prohibitions can now be removed. The new access will require stopping prohibitions on both sides of Crawford Street to allow emergency vehicles to properly turn.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “No Stopping, Anytime” regulation on both sides of Crawford Avenue, between a point 148 metres north of Lobb Avenue and a point 35 metres further north.
2. Rescind the “No Parking, Anytime” regulation on the east side of Crawford Street, between Queen Street West and a point 148 metres north of Lobb Avenue.

3. Rescind the “No Parking, Anytime” regulation on the east side of Crawford Street, between a point 183 metres north of Lobb Avenue and Barton Avenue.
4. Approve implementation of a “No Parking, Anytime” regulation on the east side of Crawford Street, between Queen Street West and Barton Avenue.
5. Rescind the “One-hour maximum parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” regulation on the west side of Crawford Street, between Queen Street West and a point 148 metres north of Lobb Avenue.
6. Rescind the “One-hour maximum parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” regulation on the west side of Crawford Street, between a point 183 metres north of Lobb Avenue and a point 213.5 metres south of Dundas Street West.
7. Approve implementation of a “One-hour maximum parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” regulation on the west side of Crawford Street, between Queen Street West and a point 213.5 metres south of Dundas Street West.
8. Approve the implementation of a “No Stopping, Anytime” regulation on the east side of Crawford Street, between a point 41.6 metres north of Queen Street West and a point 23.7 metres further north.
9. Approve the implementation of a “No Stopping, Anytime” regulation on the west side of Crawford Street, between a point 45.5 metres north of Queen Street West and a point 12.0 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on July 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005, Toronto and East York Community Council approved the prohibition of parking at all times on the west side of Crawford Street, from a point 148 metres north of Lobb Avenue to a point 35 metres further north (Clause No. 70 of Report No. 6 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

At its meeting on September 10, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council approved the prohibition of stopping at all times on both sides of Crawford Street, from a point 148 metres north of Lobb Avenue to a point 35 metres further north (Item No. TE8.89 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone to rescind the stopping regulations on Crawford Street at the emergency access to Trinity Bellwoods

Park and John Gibson House from the lane adjacent to Premises No. 227. Due to operational concerns, this access will be replaced with an improved access to the south. The new access will also require stopping regulations to allow emergency vehicles to properly turn.

COMMENTS

Crawford Street, between Dundas Street West and Queen Street West, is a local roadway that operates one-way in the northbound direction. It has a daily one-way traffic volume of about 2,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 30 km/h, as there are speed humps in place. Trinity Bellwoods Park and John Gibson House are located on the east side of Crawford Street. There is no TTC route on Crawford Street.

Prior to 2005, emergency vehicles accessed the park via Queen Street West, opposite Strachan Avenue. The restoration of the historic gates resulted in difficulties for emergency vehicles accessing the park via this entrance. Therefore, a fire route was designated in 2005 to access the park via a lane on the east side of Crawford Street, between Premises No. 227 and 229. In order to allow emergency vehicles sufficient room to turn at this lane, parking was prohibited on the west side of Crawford Street, opposite the lane. This resulted in the loss of about six on-street parking spaces. In 2007, the parking prohibition was replaced with a stricter stopping prohibition, which covered both sides of Crawford Street at the lane.

Emergency vehicles have had difficulties accessing the park from this lane. In 2008, a new access was built into the park to the south. This access is located on the east side of Crawford Street, about 50 metres north of Queen Street West, and will improve access for emergency vehicles. In March 2009, staff of Toronto Fire Services and Transportation Services reviewed the new access. A trial run of three different types of fire truck turned into the park to determine the turning requirements for emergency vehicles. It was agreed that in order to provide sufficient width for these trucks to turn, a “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition should be enacted on both sides of Crawford Street, south of the new access. The prohibition will extend south to the first east-west lane north of Queen Street West and will result in the loss of about two or three on-street parking spaces on the west side of Crawford Street. Toronto Fire Services have indicated that fire trucks will only be entering this new access from the south.

Once the changes to the parking regulations at the new access are installed, the “No Stopping, Anytime” prohibition at the old access can be removed and the previous parking regulations can be restored. Additionally, the pavement markings at the old access can be removed and installed at the new access. The changes will result in a net gain of about three or four on-street parking spaces on the west side of Crawford Street.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9611, dated March 2009
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-9612, dated March 2009

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