



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Amendment to Parking Regulations – Commissioners Street between Don Roadway and Leslie Street

Date:	March 27, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts09062te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to rescind the existing weekday peak period parking prohibitions on both sides of Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street as these prohibitions are no longer required. This prohibition was enacted in 2001 as part of the traffic management plan for the F.G. Gardiner Expressway East Dismantling Project.

The proposed rescission of the weekday peak period parking prohibitions on both sides of Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street will not result in any significant safety concern or impact negatively on the level of service, including TTC service, on Commissioners Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Rescind the existing “No Parking 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the north side and “No Parking 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the south side of Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget	\$2000.00

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of November 6, 7 and 8, 2000, approved Clause No. 49 of Report No. 8 of the Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "Refinements to Various Traffic By-laws – Stage 3 of F.G. Gardiner Expressway East Dismantling Project", rescinding a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation and implementing a “No Parking” regulation during weekday peak periods on both sides of Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The F.G. Gardiner Expressway East Dismantling Project was divided into three stages. Stage 2, which began in April 2000, involved the rerouting of eastbound Lake Shore Boulevard East traffic, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street, via Commissioners Street.

Stage 3 which began in November 2000 also involved detouring eastbound and westbound Lake Shore Boulevard East traffic via Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street. Stopping was prohibited on both sides of Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street to reduce delays to rerouted traffic. In November 2001 after completion of the project, the stopping prohibition on both sides of Commissioners Street was rescinded and a “No Parking” prohibition was introduced for the weekday peak periods between Don Roadway and Leslie Street.

COMMENTS

Roadway Characteristics

Currently, Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street is a four-lane collector roadway with a 50 km/hr speed limit. Traffic control signals exist at Don Roadway, Carlaw Avenue and at Leslie Street. The TTC operates the 72 Pape bus route on Commissioners Street, with eastbound and westbound stops at Carlaw Avenue and at Don Roadway. A “Wheeltrans” facility exists on the north side of Commissioners Street, just west of Leslie Street, with stops nearby.

Daily traffic volume on this section of Commissioners Street is approximately 8,000 vehicles, of which 400 and 300 motorists use this roadway during morning (westbound) and afternoon (eastbound) peak hours, respectively.

Investigation Results

Since 2001, there has been significant redevelopment in the Portlands and an increased demand for on-street parking. Rescinding the weekday peak period parking prohibition on both sides of Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street will benefit local businesses in the Portlands, such as the recently opened “Filmport”.

The proposed changes should not result in any significant impacts to traffic operations on Commissioners Street. Existing traffic volumes can adequately be accommodated in a single lane of travel in each direction.

TTC have been consulted and have no objections with the proposed changes to the parking regulations on Commissioners Street, between Don Roadway and Leslie Street.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9609, dated March 2009

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