



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Amendment to Parking Regulations – Britain Street,
between George Street and Sherbourne Street**

Date:	April 27, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
Reference Number:	Ts09087te.top.doc

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 seeking authority to permanently relocate parking from the north side to the south side on Britain Street and introduce pay-and-display parking. Britain Street, between George Street and Sherbourne Street, does not currently have a north side sidewalk. Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of installing a sidewalk on the north side of Britain Street. In order to accommodate the proposed construction of a sidewalk, the existing commercial boulevard parking spaces on both sides will need to be removed. Permission to cancel commercial boulevard parking licenses is granted as per the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 313-39 C(2), upon the General Manager providing 30 days written notice to the license holder advising of the pending cancellation of the license. On-street parking will need to be relocated, from the north side to the south side, in order to provide more on-street parking spaces to offset the loss of boulevard spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing “1 hour maximum 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” parking regulation on the north side of Britain Street, from George Street to Sherbourne Street.

2. Rescind the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the north side of Britain Street, between a point 42.7 metres east of George Street and a point 30.5 metres further east of it.
3. Rescind the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the south side of Britain Street, between George Street and Sherbourne Street.
4. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Britain Street, between George Street and Sherbourne Street.
5. Introduce pay-and-display parking on the south side of Britain Street, from George Street to Sherbourne Street, to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, for a maximum duration of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour.
6. Amend the existing “No Parking Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.” regulation on the north side of Britain Street, from George Street to Sherbourne Street to operate on the south side of Britain Street, from George Street to Sherbourne Street.
7. Rescind the 7 Commercial Boulevard Parking licenses, totalling 16 spaces, as identified in Appendix ‘A’, listing the affected properties, effective 45 days after the date of adoption of this report and a letter being sent to the license holders advising of the cancellation of the licenses.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2009 Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

The Toronto Parking Authority advises the cost of installing three pay-and-display machines on Britain Street, including changes to the appropriate signing, is \$61,000.00. These funds are available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2009 Pay-and-Display Installation Program.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor McConnell, in consultation with area business owners, has requested that a sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Britain Street. In order to accommodate the proposed sidewalk, the 16 existing commercial boulevard parking spaces, located on both sides of Britain Street, will need to be removed and the associated licenses will need to be cancelled.

Furthermore, Councillor McConnell, together with the Toronto Parking Authority, has requested that Transportation Services relocate on-street parking from the north side to the south side and pursue the appropriate by-law amendments to enable installation of

pay-and-display parking machines on Britain Street, from George Street to Sherbourne Street.

COMMENTS

Britain Street is a two lane east/west local road with a pavement width of 7.4 metres between George Street and Sherbourne Street. There is no TTC service on Britain Street. The following parking controls are currently in effect on Britain Street, between George Street and Sherbourne Street:

South Side:

- No Parking Anytime - George Street to Sherbourne Street.

North Side:

- 1 hour parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - George Street to Sherbourne Street; and
- No Parking Anytime - between a point 42.7 metres east of George Street and a point 30.5 metres further east of it.

Boulevard parking exists on both sides of Britain Street.

In order to accommodate the proposed sidewalk, the 16 existing boulevard parking spaces located on both sides of Britain Street will need to be removed. There are 9 commercial boulevard parking spaces on the north side and 7 commercial boulevard parking spaces on the south side of Britain Street.

The north side of Britain Street currently has 15 on-street parking spaces. The removal of the boulevard parking and reinstatement of the curb face would create another 5 on-street parking spaces resulting in a total of 20 spaces.

The south side of Britain Street currently has no on-street parking allowed. The removal of the boulevard parking and reinstatement of the curb face would provide enough curb space for 26 on-street parking spaces. Relocating the on-street parking to the south side of the street, with pay-and-display parking, would result in a net loss of only 5 parking spaces on Britain Street.

Our observations revealed that there is significant parking available on Queen Street East, between George Street and Sherbourne Street which should accommodate displaced parking from Britain Street.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9628, dated April 2009
- (2) Appendix A – Commercial Boulevard Parking Spaces

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