



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Road Alteration and Amendments to Parking  
Regulations – Ontario Street**

<b>Date:</b>	April 24, 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 28
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09088te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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This report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York Community Council has been delegated authority by City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking approval to modify Ontario Street at the driveway to The Star of Downtown Condominium (225 Wellesley Street East), located on the west side of Ontario Street approximately 45 metres south of Wellesley Street East. This change is intended to physically prohibit southbound vehicles from entering the one-way northbound portion of Ontario Street by building out the west side curb.

Furthermore, Transportation Services is seeking authority to extend the existing “No Parking Anytime” zone on the east side of Ontario Street, to a point 56 metres south of Wellesley Street East. The extension of the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation will allow for proper flow of traffic once the curb extension has been constructed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Approve the alteration of Ontario Street at the driveway located on the west side of Ontario Street approximately 45 metres south of Wellesley Street East, generally as shown in the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-9624, dated April 2009.

2. Amend the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East, to be in effect on the east side of Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and a point 56 metres south of Wellesley Street East.

## **Financial Impact**

The adoption of the above-noted recommendations will not result in any financial impact to Transportation Services. All costs associated with this work, including road/curb alterations, sign changes and pavement markings will be borne by the developer, Willowfield Winchester Inc.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of January 16, 2007 (Item TE2.69), approved a temporary closure of the sidewalk and curb lane on Wellesley Street East, with associated parking regulation amendments, to facilitate a staging area to construct a condominium development on the southwest corner of Wellesley Street East and Ontario Street. This approval also included changing Ontario Street, from Wellesley Street East to a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East, from one-way northbound to two-way to facilitate construction access to the laneway on the south side of the property. This operational change required that two parking spaces be removed on the east side of Ontario Street, within this zone.

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of January 13, 2009 (Item TE22.41), approved two-way operation on Ontario Street, from Wellesley Street East to the private laneway located 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East. This approval also included changing the parking regulations on Ontario Street, from Wellesley Street East to a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East, to “No Parking Anytime”, which resulted in the removal of two parking spaces.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Now that the construction of The Star of Downtown Condominium is complete, Ontario Street, between Wellesley Street East and the driveway to the condominium, has been permanently changed to two-way operation and the pre-construction regulations have been reinstated.

However, a subsequent condition of Site Plan Approval (Site Plan Application 07 112402 STE 28 SA), required that a curb extension be constructed to physically prohibit southbound vehicles from entering the one-way northbound portion of Ontario Street.

## **COMMENTS**

Ontario Street, between Prospect Street and Wellesley Street East, is a local roadway with a pavement width of approximately 7.2 metres. Ontario Street operates one-way northbound from Prospect Street to the driveway to The Star of Downtown Condominium (225 Wellesley Street East), approximately 45 metres south of Wellesley Street East. It operates two-way from the driveway to Wellesley Street East. The intersection of Wellesley Street East and Ontario Street is controlled by traffic signals.

There is no TTC service on Ontario Street. The following parking controls are in effect for Ontario Street, between Prospect Street and Wellesley Street East:

West Side:

- No Parking Anytime.

East Side:

- No Parking Anytime, Wellesley Street East to a point 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street East; and
- Permit parking, 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m..

Currently, there are pavement markings and signs installed instructing southbound motorists that they cannot proceed southbound beyond the driveway to The Star of Downtown Condominium. However, even with the presence of signs and pavement markings, a significant number of vehicles still proceed southbound on the one-way northbound portion of Ontario Street.

As a condition of site plan approval, the developer of 225 Wellesley Street East is required to construct a curb extension on Ontario Street at their driveway to physically prohibit southbound vehicles from entering the one-way northbound portion of Ontario Street. Since Ontario Street is only 7.2 metres wide, the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of Ontario Street will need to be extended from 46.3 metres south of Wellesley Street to a point 56 metres south of Wellesley Street. The extension of the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation will allow for proper flow of traffic once the curb extension has been constructed.

Two permit parking spaces will be removed with this change. The loss of these two spaces will be in addition to the two spaces already removed with the implementation of the two-way operation on Ontario Street. However, there are enough available permit parking spaces in Area 7A to accommodate the loss of these spaces.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421F-9624, dated April 2009

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