



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Introduction of Pay-and-Display Parking – Local Streets Intersecting Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue

Date:	May 20, 2009
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is reporting to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, at the request of City Council, on a proposal from Councillor Adam Giambrone to introduce parking machine/meter parking on the commercial flankage of each local street intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue. The intent is to enhance parking opportunity for patrons of local businesses on Dundas Street West.

Parking is allowed on the local streets but used predominantly by permit parkers resulting in low turnover. Adoption of the proposal will remove these areas from the area permit parking allotment. A pay-control mechanism will be installed that is expected to promote parking turnover, enhancing a more equitable use of the parking areas. A total of 51 parking spaces are impacted by this proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Recommend adoption of this proposal in principle and the regulatory amendments listed in Appendix “A” and “B” of this report outlining the changes required to the parking regulations on the specific sections of Coolmine Road, Rusholme Road, Lisgar Street, Rusholme Drive, Beaconsfield Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, Brock Avenue, Marguereta Street, and St. Clarens Avenue listed in the attached appendices.

2. Refer this matter to Toronto and East York Community Council for approval.
3. Subject to approval by Toronto and East York Community Council of the regulatory amendments listed in Appendix “A” and “B” of this report, direct the City Clerk to provide public notice in the local print media of the intent to adjust the permit parking regulations on the section of the streets within Permit Parking Areas 2, 3J and 3K outlined in the attached appendices.

Financial Impact

Funding is available in the 2009 Operating Budget for Transportation Services (for signage) and in the 2009 Operating Budget for Toronto Parking Authority (for 13 pay & display machines) in the following accounts:

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Operating	Transportation Services Division (TP0397-Sign Installation & Maintenance)	\$3,000.00
Operating	Toronto Parking Authority	\$195,000.00
Total		\$198,000.00

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council at its meeting of April 29 and 30, 2009 in considering Item TE20.65, “Parking Regulations – Dundas Street West, Dovercourt Road to Sterling Road – One Year Review”, directed, among other issues, the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting of June 3, 2009, for consideration with Item TE20.65 on opportunities for the addition or conversion of parking on those streets that connect with Dundas Street West in Ward 18; and the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee forward any recommendations that would impact connecting streets to the Toronto and East York Community Council.

COMMENTS

As part of Transportation Services’ review of a proposal to enhance streetcar operations on Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and College Street that could significantly reduce the number of potential parking spaces on Dundas Street West, staff simultaneously investigated a proposal suggested by Councillor Adam Giambrone to install parking machines on the commercial flankage of each local street intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue. The intent is to partially off-set the loss of parking spaces on Dundas Street West by enhancing parking opportunity along the commercial flankages on the local streets for patrons of local businesses.

There are a total of 13 local street sections intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue where this parking initiative is being considered. They are dispersed over the following 10 streets:

- Coolmine Road, north of Dundas Street West
- Rusholme Road, north of Dundas Street West;
- Lisgar Street, south of Dundas Street West;
- Rusholme Drive, north of Dundas Street West;
- Beaconsfield Avenue, south of Dundas Street West;
- Gladstone Avenue, north and south of Dundas Street West;
- Sheridan Avenue, north and south of Dundas Street West;
- Brock Avenue, south of Dundas Street West;
- Marguereta Street, north of Dundas Street West; and
- St. Clarens Avenue, north and south of Dundas Street West.

Parking is currently allowed on the above-noted streets and restricted overnight to residential permit holders. These areas are used predominantly by permit parkers throughout the day, resulting in a low parking turnover and limited opportunity for visitors to the area or patrons of local businesses to find convenient parking spaces. Permit parkers are exempt from paying for parking in pay-and-display areas or at parking meters on streets with permit parking regulations in the area authorized by their residential parking permit. In order to promote parking turnover and enhance parking opportunity for visitors/business patrons it is necessary to remove these parking areas from the area permit parking allotment. By virtue of installing a pay-control mechanism, greater parking turnover is expected. This will promote more equitable use of the parking spaces.

A total of 51 parking spaces are affected by this proposal. Although the loss of these spaces from the area permit parking allotment will not result in deprivation to the area permit parking system, it could result in some inconvenience for nearby residents.

To implement this proposal Chapter 925, Permit Parking, of the Toronto Municipal Code must be amended to exclude the sections of the streets identified within Appendix “B” of this report. To do this public notice must be given in a major newspaper. Residents then have a total of fourteen days to submit their concerns in writing to the City Clerk requesting to appear before Toronto and East York Community Council.

Unlike the hours of operation for the pay-and-display parking along Dundas Street West, which are restricted due to stopping prohibitions during the morning and afternoon rush hour periods, the hours of parking machine operation will extend throughout the day on each of these local streets. Parking will be allowed for a maximum of 3 hours and the parking machines will operate at the rate of \$1.50 per hour. Payment for use of the parking spaces will be required 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. Parking will be allowed free of charge for a maximum of 3 hours at all other times.

Transportation Services has not been involved in any public consultation that might have taken place in regard to this proposal but has no objection to its implementation.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9616, dated March 2009
- (2) Appendix "A" – Regulations to be rescinded on local streets intersecting Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue
- (3) Appendix "B" – Regulations to be implemented on local streets intersecting Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Lansdowne Avenue

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