

Toronto and East York Community Council

(Deferred by City Council from December 1, 2008 - 2008.TE20.65)

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Parking Regulations Dundas Street West, Dovercourt Road to Sterling Road One Year Review

City Council Decision

City Council on April 29 and 30, 2009, adopted the following:

1. City Council refer the Item to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for consideration at its meeting on June 3, 2009, in conjunction with the alternative proposal as provided in the memorandum (April 28, 2009) from the Manager, Traffic Operations, Toronto and East York District (attached).
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on June 3, 2009, for consideration with this Item, 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.
3. The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee consider, as background to this Item, the staff report dated November 9, 2007, titled "Impact of Changes to On-street Parking Regulations – Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road".

City Council Decision Advice and Other Information

City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008, deferred consideration of Item TE20.65 to its regular meeting on April 29, 2009.

Committee Recommendations

The Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that:

1. the parking prohibitions as set out in the recommendations of the report (October 20, 2008) from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, be implemented on or after October 1, 2009, and that the parking changes be consistent with the principles adopted in the Sustainable Transportation Initiative;
2. the Toronto Parking Authority be requested to continue to pursue opportunities for the establishment of an off-street lot to serve parking needs in the area, in consultation with the Dundas West BIA and the local Councillor;
3. the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to reexamine the information in the report (October 20, 2008) from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, on TTC delays to ensure that the conclusions reached are based on accurate information; and
4. Transportation Services submit a post implementation report six months after the parking prohibitions are reinstated.

Origin

(October 20, 2008) Report from Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District

Summary

Transportation Services is reporting on City Council's request to evaluate the impacts to transit service as a result of rescinding the peak period parking prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday on the north side and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road. These changes, which allowed parking on the side of the street with off-peak traffic flow, as well as the implementation of left-turn prohibitions during rush hour periods at five intersections, were made in November 2007.

"Before" and "after" studies undertaken by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) indicate that the change to the parking regulations has delayed streetcars, increasing travel time by a minimum of about 6% to a maximum of about 40% on Dundas Street West. Transportation Services is requesting approval to reinstate the peak period parking prohibitions noted above and retain the left-turn prohibitions to enhance transit operations.

Reinstatement of the peak period parking prohibitions and retaining the turn restrictions are consistent with and support the short-term Sustainable Transportation Initiatives adopted by Council.

Background Information (Committee)

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-17050.pdf>)

Attachment 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-17051.pdf>)

Attachment 2

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-17052.pdf>

Background Information (City Council)

Letter (April 29, 2009) from Councillor Adam Giambrone distributed with his referral motion
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-21026.pdf>

Memorandum (April 28, 2009) from the Manager, Traffic Operations, Toronto and East York District addressed to Councillor Giambrone, distributed with his referral motion
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-21027.pdf>

Communications (Committee)

(November 18, 2008) letter from Armindo Silva, Chair, Little Portugal BIA, submitting a petition signed by 70 individuals (TE.New.TE20.65.1)

Communications (City Council)

(April 27, 2009) letter from Hamish Wilson (CC.Supp.TE20.65.2)

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