



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Amendment to Parking Regulation – Palmerston Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting authority to rescind the no parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, between College Street and a point 61 metres south. This will increase parking opportunities for local residents and visitors during the daytime and resolve existing contradictory regulations in the traffic by-law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “No Parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, between College Street and a point 61 metres south.
2. Amend the permit parking regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, from Dundas Street West to College Street by:
 - (a) rescinding the “No Parking Except by Permit from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., all times, except no parking 1st day to the 15th day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 inclusive, and no parking 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from College Street to a point 61 metres south; and no parking anytime from a point 155 metres south of College Street to a point 5.5 metres further south” regulation; and

- (b) implementing a “No Parking Except by Permit from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., all times, except no parking 1st day to the 15th day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 inclusive” regulation.
3. Amend the permit parking regulation on the east side of Palmerston Avenue, from Dundas Street West to College Street by:
 - (a) rescinding the “No Parking Except by Permit from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., all times, except no parking 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 inclusive, and no parking Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year, inclusive, and no parking anytime from a point 155 metres south of College Street to a point 5.5 metres further south” regulation; and
 - (b) implementing a “No Parking Except by Permit from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., all times, except no parking 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 inclusive, and no parking Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year, inclusive” regulation.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Transportation Services’ staff investigated rescinding the “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue from College Street to the public lane located 61 metres south to enhance parking opportunity on this street for residents and visitors to the area.

COMMENTS

Current Conditions

Palmerston Avenue is classified as a local road. It operates two-way, from College Street to the public lane 61 metres south of College Street, then changes to one-way southbound from the lane to Dundas Street West. The pavement width is 7.3 metres. TTC does not operate transit service on Palmerston Avenue.

The traffic by-law authorizes alternate side parking regulations on Palmerston Avenue, between Dundas Street West and College Street with parking allowed:

- from the 1st to 15th days of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 on the east side; and

- from the 16th day to the last day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, and at anytime from Dec. 1 to Mar. 31 on the west side.

Overnight permit parking and one-hour maximum parking restrictions also apply in conjunction with the alternate side parking regulations. The traffic by-law also indicates parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, from College Street to a point 61 metres south.

Investigation

Staff's site investigation revealed several discrepancies between the signs displayed on the street and the authorized regulations in the traffic by-law.

In 2005 a "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m." regulation was implemented on both sides of Palmerston Avenue, south of College Street to facilitate a narrowing of the roadway and provide a construction staging area during construction of a new townhouse development on the west side of the street. This regulation was rescinded in 2007 and the "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m." regulation that existed prior to the construction on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, from College Street to a point 61 metres south was reinstated. However, the "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m." signs are still posted on the street.

Despite the foregoing error in signage, if the authorized "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m." regulation on the west side of the street were signed between College Street and the lane 61 metres further south it would create a conflict with the alternate side parking regulation also authorized on this street and potentially result in a two-sided parking situation occurring on the street during certain times/days of the month. Given the relative narrow pavement width of Palmerston Avenue this would be problematic.

Resolution

Based on staff's investigation, rescinding the "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m." regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, between College Street and a point 61 metres south is recommended. The overlapping alternate side parking regulations currently authorized on Palmerston Avenue, from Dundas Street West to College Street will become the "default" regulation on this section of the street.

Implementation of these changes will provide additional parking spaces on the street and enhance parking opportunity for residents and visitors.

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