



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Amendments to Parking and Stopping Regulations – Jameson Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
Wards:	Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
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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” (morning) and “No Stopping” (afternoon) rush hour restrictions on the east side of Jameson Avenue, between Queen Street West and Springhurst Avenue. 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 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays” regulation on east side of Jameson Avenue for the entire length.
2. Rescind the “No Parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the east side of Jameson Avenue, between a point 36 metres south of King Street West and a point 91 metres further south.
3. Rescind the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of Jameson Avenue, between Queen Street West and a point 36.6 metres south.

4. Rescind the “No Stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays” regulation on the east side of Jameson Avenue for the entire length.

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 Councillor Gord Perks, Transportation Services has investigated the need to retain the parking/stopping prohibitions during the morning and afternoon rush hour periods, respectively, on the east side of Jameson Avenue, between Queen Street West and Springhurst Avenue.

COMMENTS

Current Conditions

Jameson Avenue is classified as a minor arterial road. It operates two-way, from Queen Street West to Lake Shore Boulevard. The pavement width is 9.8 metres, providing a single southbound traffic lane and a combination northbound traffic/parking lane. TTC does not operate transit service on Jameson Avenue.

The traffic by-law authorizes “No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.” and “No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulations from Monday to Friday on the east side of Jameson Avenue.

The traffic by-law also indicates the following contradictory parking regulations:

- “1 Hour Maximum Parking” from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
- “No Parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday. to Friday” on the east side of Jameson Avenue, from a point 36 metres south of King Street West to a point 91 metres further south; and
- “No Parking Anytime” on the east side of Jameson Avenue, from Queen Street West to a point 36.6 metres further south.

Investigation

Rush hour parking prohibitions are generally in place to reduce congestion along major traffic corridors (often with public transit service) and enable efficient movement of traffic. Traffic volume during the morning and afternoon rush hour periods does not support the need to prohibit parking/stopping on the east side of Jameson Avenue.

Although the pavement width of Jameson Avenue does not enable staff to delineate two parallel northbound traffic lanes, the width of the combined parking/traffic lane is sufficiently wide to enable two vehicles to travel side-by-side. When parking/stopping is prohibited during the morning and afternoon rush hour periods on the east side of Jameson Avenue, motorists tend to drive side-by-side. This poses a safety risk particularly to cyclists. Also, the extra width of the northbound traffic lane encourages some motorists to travel at speeds in excess of the legal 40 km/h limit or pass slower moving traffic.

Resolution

Rescinding the “No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the “No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the east side of Jameson Avenue, for the entire length of the street is recommended. The overlapping 1 hour parking regulation currently authorized on Jameson Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., from a point 36.3 metres south of Queen Street West to Springhurst Avenue, is appropriate and will become the “default” regulation on the street, reverting to the maximum 3-hour duration at other times.

Implementation of these changes will provide enhanced parking opportunity for residents and visitors without adversely impacting traffic operation on the street. Additional parking during the rush hours is expected to improve the orderly flow of traffic in the wide northbound lane. Staff will monitor this from a traffic safety perspective and make additional pavement marking changes if required.

In addition, staff identified several redundant regulations within the traffic by-law (second and third bullet points above) that no longer apply on this street. This report also contains appropriate recommendations that will “housekeep” the by-law and remove these discrepancies.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9761, dated August 2009

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