



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Clarification of Amendments to Parking Regulations – Palmerston Avenue

Date:	September 28, 2009
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.

This report is in response to a request from Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of September 15, 2009 that staff report further to the October 13, 2009 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council on the breakdown of the recommendations with respect to parking, north and south of the laneway, as outlined in the report dated August 6, 2009 and entitled, “Amendment to Parking Regulation – Palmerston Avenue”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York (Item TE27.135). Approval of the Recommendations outlined in staff’s August 6, 2009 report is recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the regulatory amendments outlined under the Recommendations section of the report dated August 6, 2009 and entitled, “Amendment to Parking Regulation – Palmerston Avenue”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of September 15, 2009, deferred consideration of a staff report dated August 6, 2009, and entitled “Amendment to Parking Regulation – Palmerston Avenue” (Item TE27.135) until its next meeting to be held on October 13, 2009, with a request that staff report further on a breakdown of the recommendations with respect to north and south of the laneway.

COMMENTS

It is the intent of the staff report of August 6, 2009 (Item TE27.135) to implement alternate side parking regulations on Palmerston Avenue, from Dundas Street West to College Street in its entirety.

There are three specific points that convolute the parking issue on the section of Palmerston Avenue, between College Street and a point 61 metres south (about 10-15 metres south of the public lane referenced in the “Issue Background” above).

1. Historical records are not available to determine why, but alternate side parking regulations are currently authorized under Chapter 400 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code on Palmerston Avenue, from Dundas Street West to College Street.
2. Chapter 400 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code also authorizes a contradictory “No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, from College Street to a point 61 metres south.
3. Signs posted on both sides of Palmerston Avenue, from College Street to a point 61 metres south indicate stopping is prohibited in this area from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.”.

A “No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation was implemented in 2005 to facilitate establishment of a construction staging area on the west side of the street but was rescinded in 2007 after completion of the construction project. The “No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, from College Street to a point 61 metres south should have been reinstated at that time but for unknown reasons, the signs indicating the stopping prohibition were never removed.

If Toronto and East York Community Council approves the regulatory amendments outlined in the recommendations of the staff report of August 6, 2009, it will eliminate

the contradictory overlap of parking regulations on the section of Palmerston Avenue, from College Street to a point 61 metres south and establish consistent alternate side parking regulations both north and south of the laneway and in the entire block of Palmerston Avenue, from Dundas Street West to College Street.

Again, subject to the approval of a by-law amendment by Toronto and East York Community Council, staff will remove the existing no stopping signs and install appropriate alternate side parking signs. This will provide an additional 7 parking spaces on Palmerston Avenue (subject to the alternate side parking stipulations), that will be available at all times of day within the section of the street from College Street to a point 61 metres south, where under the current signage, motorists cannot stop let alone park during daytime hours.

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