



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Implement Pay-and-Display Parking – Glenholme Avenue, Boon Avenue and Harvie Avenue

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| Date: | December 14, 2009 |
| To: | Etobicoke and York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services Etobicoke and York |
| Wards: | Ward 17 - Davenport |
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SUMMARY

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

Councillor Cesar Palacio requests that pay-and-display parking be implemented on sections of local roadways intersecting St. Clair Avenue West, between Oakwood Avenue and Caledonia Road. A review by Transportation Services and Parking Authority staff concluded that sections of Glenholme Avenue, Boon Avenue, and Harvie Avenue, immediately north and south of St. Clair Avenue West, can accommodate pay parking.

The implementation of pay parking will encourage parking turnover, providing short-term parking for patrons of local businesses. The existing overnight permit parking will remain, so local permit holders will not be affected. Also, the proposed changes would have a negligible impact on traffic operations. In addition, there is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service on any of the affected roadways.

Following installation, pay-and-display parking will be monitored by Transportation Services staff over a six month period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The implementing and rescinding the parking regulations as outlined in the attached Appendix A.

Financial Impact

Funding for signage and pay-and-display parking machines, respectively, is available in the 2010 Operating Budget for Transportation Services and in the 2010 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority, in the following accounts:

| Type of funding | Source of funds | Amount |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| Operating | Transportation Services Division (Sign Installation & Maintenance) | \$2,000.00 |
| Operating | Toronto Parking Authority | \$68,000.00 |
| Total | | \$70,000.00 |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Cesar Palacio, in consultation with Transportation Services and Toronto Parking Authority staff, requests the introduction of pay-and-display parking on a number of local roads intersecting St. Clair Avenue West, between Oakwood Avenue and Caledonia Road. The pay-and-display parking was requested for the sections of each of these roads between St. Clair Avenue West and the first lane to the north and/or south.

Attachments 1 and 2 are maps of the area. Attachments 3-7 are photographs of each location.

COMMENTS

St. Clair Avenue West, between Oakwood Avenue and Caledonia Road, is an arterial road with predominantly commercial land uses. There is existing pay-and-display parking on both sides of this section of St. Clair Avenue West.

Transportation Services reviewed the parking regulations on the local streets in this area. As a result of this review, we concluded that it is feasible to provide additional pay-and-display parking in the area on the following four roadway sections intersecting St. Clair Avenue West, from east to west between Oakwood Avenue and Caledonia Road:

- Glenholme Avenue, east side, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 36.6 metres further north;
- Glenholme Avenue, east side, between St. Clair Avenue West and the first lane to the south;
- Boon Avenue, west side, between St. Clair Avenue West and the first lane to the north; and
- Harvie Avenue, east side, between St. Clair Avenue West and the first lane to the north.

Glenholme Avenue is an 8.6 metre wide one-way (northbound) local road. In the area north of St. Clair Avenue, parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of the road from St. Clair Avenue West to the first lane north of St. Clair Avenue West. North of this location, parking is restricted overnight (12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) to residential on-street parking permit holders. Our observations show that most of the legal parking stalls are occupied at most times of the day.

On Glenholme Avenue, in the area south of St. Clair Avenue West, parking is prohibited at all times on the west side of the road, while parking on the east side is restricted overnight (12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) to residential on-street parking permit holders. The city-wide three hour limit exists during the day on the east side. Our observations show that most of the legal parking spaces are occupied most times of the day. Traffic control signals exist at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue and Glenholme Avenue.

Boon Avenue and Harvie Avenue are one-way streets operating northbound and southbound, respectively. Both streets are approximately 7.3 metres wide north of St. Clair Avenue West. “No Standing Anytime” regulations are posted on both sides of each street, from St. Clair Avenue West to the first lane to the north. This regulation was implemented due to excessive long term parking by motorists with Disabled Person’s Parking Permits, who can park on these streets up to 24 hours daily. These permit holders were typically motorists who parked to visit the shops along St. Clair Avenue West. At both of these locations, the existing standing prohibitions can be rescinded on one side of the street, and paid parking implemented.

The proposed hours of pay-and-display operation for each of these roads is 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 for a maximum of three hours at a rate of \$1.50 per hour. Parking will be allowed free of charge, for a maximum of three hours at all other times, except overnight, when on-street parking permits are in effect.

Implementing pay parking should increase parking turnover, providing more short-term parking for patrons of local businesses. Since the existing on-street parking permits will remain, local permit holders will not be affected. The above changes are expected to have a negligible impact on traffic operations.

Transportation Services will monitor each location for abuse of the proposed regulations and to ensure that parked vehicles are not obstructing sight lines for those public lanes that intersect proximate to the proposed parking areas.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing 1 (Glenholme Avenue) and Drawing 2 (Boon Avenue and Harvie Avenue)
Attachment 2: Appendix A – Parking Regulations for Implementing and Rescinding
Attachments 3-7: Photographs