



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**St. Clair Avenue West, between Caledonia Park Road and Lansdowne Avenue – Parking Regulation Amendments in front of Joseph Piccininni Community Centre/Earlscourt Park**

<b>Date:</b>	April 7, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 17 – Davenport
<b>Report Number:</b>	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100067-to

**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to rescind the Parking Machine by-law on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, for the section between Caledonia Park Road and Lansdowne Avenue.

Councillor Palacio has asked that staff retain the existing unsigned three hour limit on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, abutting Joseph Piccininni Community Centre (1369 St. Clair Avenue West) and Earlscourt Park. Although Parking Machines (pay-and-display) were previously approved on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West in this area, the Parking Machines have not yet been installed. It is now the intention to allow users of these facilities to park for free in this area instead of having to pay to park at Parking Machines. Staff of the Toronto Parking Authority has been advised of this recommendation.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on St. Clair Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on the amendments and has not objected to the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:**

1. Rescinding the existing parking regulations on St. Clair Avenue West listed in the attached Appendix “A.”

2. Enacting the proposed parking regulations on St. Clair Avenue West listed in the attached Appendix “B.”

### **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the parking regulation changes have been included for funding as part of the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

City Council, at its meeting of September 28, 29, and 30 and October 1, 2004, adopted, as amended, Clause No.1 of the Policy and Finance Committee Report No. 7, entitled “St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Environmental Assessment – Yonge Street to Gunns Road (Just West of Keele Street) (St. Paul’s, Davenport, York South-Weston).”

City Council, at its meeting held on June 23 and 24, 2008, approved the Road Alterations and Traffic Regulations for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project, for the section of St. Clair Avenue West, between Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road and Vaughan Road, (including the section between Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road and Winona Drive, in Etobicoke York District).

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

As approved by City Council, the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Environmental Assessment incorporates a Preferred Design Concept, the principal elements of which are described as follows:

- two centre lanes reserved for the exclusive use by LRT and emergency vehicles protected by barrier curb;
- during peak periods, two general purpose traffic lanes in each direction, located on either side of the streetcar tracks, providing sufficient capacity to accommodate current peak period traffic volumes on St. Clair Avenue West;
- during off-peak periods and weekends, one general purpose traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction providing sufficient capacity to accommodate current off-peak and weekend traffic volumes;
- left turn storage lanes at signalized intersections to permit left-turns and U-turns on their own exclusive signal phase (“protected” phasing);
- on-street parking on both sides of the street during off-peak times on weekdays and at all times on weekends in the majority of the curb lanes, and new off-street parking, resulting in a net increase in the parking supply along St. Clair Avenue West; and,
- enhanced streetscape, urban design, streetcar shelters and platforms, public art and safety features in the overall design and implementation of the transit improvements project.

Also contained within the approved recommendations was a recommendation that “approval be granted in principle for the traffic by-laws required to implement this project...” contained in Recommendation (8) of a report from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the President, Toronto Parking Authority, dated August 31, 2004.

## **COMMENTS**

The section of the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project between Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road and Westmount Avenue started in 2007. The bulk of the work was complete in 2008. The section from Westmount Avenue to Winona Drive was completed in 2009. This work has been authorized by City Council.

In June 2008, City Council adopted proposed traffic regulations for the section of St. Clair Avenue West, between Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road and Winona Drive. However, as these original recommendations were found to be particularly onerous, Transportation Services amended these regulations to provide additional on-street parking along the commercial strip. Accordingly, City Council, at its meeting of April 6, 2009, approved a report proposing parking regulation amendments on St. Clair Avenue West between Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road and Winona Drive, which will increase the on-street parking supply without compromising the safe movement of pedestrians, transit and general vehicle traffic.

An additional request from Councillor Palacio has now been received to further amend the parking regulations on this section of road, more particularly on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, to the east of Caledonia Park Road.

## **PARKING REGULATIONS**

The attached Drawing No. EY09-47a, dated April 2010, shows the proposed parking regulation amendments.

On the south side on St. Clair Avenue West, between Caledonia Park Road and Winona Drive, Parking Machines were proposed to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Stopping is prohibited on this side of the road between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. During all other times, the three hour parking regulation exists.

In addition, stopping is prohibited on both sides of the street, adjacent to the streetcar platforms and signalized intersections, and parking is also prohibited in the immediate vicinity of intersections. While the parking regulations and Parking Machines were approved last year, the actual equipment has not yet been installed. As such, the area currently still operates under the three hour limit at all times.

It is the desire of the area Councillor to continue to provide the three hour limit at all times in this particular area as it is abutting a park and a community centre. The remainder of the street, to the east of this location, is abutting retail establishments, where the Parking Machines are currently in effect. As such, as the adjacent land use on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, to the east of Caledonia Park Road, is different than the remainder of the street, the area Councillor has requested that this area remain without parking machines and that it operate under the three hour limit. Prior to the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project, on-street parking was free in this area as no parking meters existed. Staff will continue to monitor this area.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix “A”:	Parking Regulations to be rescinded
Appendix “B”:	Parking Regulations to be enacted
Attachment 1:	Drawing No EY09-47a, dated April 2010, (St. Clair Avenue West, east of Caledonia Road/Caledonia Park Road)
Attachment 2:	Aerial Photo

## Appendix “A”

### “Parking Machines” – To Be Rescinded

Highway	Side	Between	Hours (daily as indicated below)	Fee/Time Limit	Maximum Parking Period
St. Clair Avenue West	South	A point 30.5 metres east of Caledonia Park Road and a point 15 metres west of Winona Drive	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours

## Appendix “B”

### “Parking Machines” – To Be Enacted

Highway	Side	Between	Hours (daily as indicated below)	Fee/Time Limit	Maximum Parking Period
St. Clair Avenue West	South	Lansdowne Avenue and a point 15 metres west of Winona Drive	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday	\$1.50 for 1 hour	3 hours