

Parking Prohibitions: Leslie Street

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 33 – Don Valley East
Reference Number:	<i>ny10008</i>

SUMMARY

To obtain approval to prohibit parking at anytime on both sides of Leslie Street, between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue East.

The parking prohibitions will address the residents' concerns with respect to unsafe conditions caused by on-street parking on Leslie Street.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Leslie Street, City Council approval of this report is required. TTC staff has been consulted on the proposed parking prohibitions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division recommends that City Council:

1. Delete the existing parking restrictions on both sides of Leslie Street between Finch Avenue and Sheppard Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays; and
2. Prohibit parking at anytime on both sides of Leslie Street between Finch Avenue East and Sheppard Avenue East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the parking prohibitions are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2010 Operating Budget estimate.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Shelley Carroll on behalf of area residents, to review the feasibility of prohibiting parking at anytime on both sides of Leslie Street between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue East.

The residents are concerned that vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway restrict the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and restrict the view of approaching vehicles when exiting driveways on Leslie Street.

COMMENTS

Currently, on Leslie Street, between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue East, parking is prohibited on both sides of the road between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Outside of the prohibited times, parking is permitted for maximum periods of three hours, including weekends. Parking is prohibited at anytime on both sides of Leslie Street to the south between Eglinton Avenue and Sheppard Avenue and also to the north between Finch Avenue and Steeles Avenue.

This division's investigation has verified the residents' concerns that parked vehicles on Leslie Street restrict the visibility of motorists exiting the many driveways in the area. Given the speed of vehicles on Leslie Street, parked vehicles on the road creates a visibility problem for vehicles exiting driveways. In addition, vehicles parked on Leslie Street restrict the flow of traffic which includes transit vehicles.

In view of the above, this division would support the installation of no parking at anytime prohibitions on both sides of Leslie Street between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue. No parking at anytime prohibitions would be consistent with the parking regulations on Leslie Street north of Finch Avenue and south of Sheppard Avenue East.

A review of the Toronto Police Service's collision records for the last three year period revealed a total of seven collisions potentially related to parked vehicles on Leslie Street between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue. In these instances, vehicles parked on Leslie Street could contribute to collisions involving rear end, sideswipe and angle type impacts.

The installation of parking restrictions on both sides of Leslie Street between Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue will improve the flow of two-way traffic and improve egress from residential driveways.

Councillor Shelley Carroll supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Leslie Street; Parking Prohibitions (*ny10008_map*)