

Ten-minute parking zone - Danforth Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to implement a 10-minute maximum parking zone for two vehicles on the south side of Danforth Avenue, west of Bowden Street, in the vicinity of Danforth Baptist Church. The short-term parking spaces will enhance parking opportunities for parents escorting children to summer day camp programs at the church. The 10-minute parking zone will operate between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, during July and August, and will not negatively impact TTC service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the parking machine operation to implement a maximum ten minute parking limit on the south side of Danforth Avenue from a point 18 metres west of Bowden Street to a point 11 metres further west, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, during July and August.

Financial Impact

Funds in the amount of \$400.00 are contained in Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Paula Fletcher, on behalf of Broadview Community Youth Group, has requested Transportation Services to investigate the feasibility of implementing a 10-

minute maximum parking zone on the south side of Danforth Avenue in the vicinity of Danforth Baptist Church.

COMMENTS

Danforth Baptist Church is located at the southwest corner of Danforth Avenue and Bowden Street. The parking regulations on the south side of Danforth Avenue, between Playter Boulevard and Bowden Street, are as follows:

- No stopping anytime, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- No parking anytime between Bowden Street and a point 18 metres west and between Playter Boulevard and a point 30.5 metres east;
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three-hours with pay-and-display parking operating from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

The TTC operates subway service and the 300 Bloor-Danforth night bus route along Danforth Avenue.

The Broadview Avenue Youth Group plans to operate a day camp program out of the church during July and August and asked about the feasibility of implementing short-term parking for two vehicles during the morning drop-off period. The Broadview Avenue Youth Group has advised that parents of children attending some of their other programs at the church have frequently experienced difficulty finding available parking during the morning drop-off period. Parking on Bowden Street is restricted to residential parking permit holders only between 12:01 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. daily, and the availability of parking is limited at most times of the day on Danforth Avenue.

Transportation Services has determined that an 11-metre long 10-minute maximum parking zone could be provided on the south side of Danforth Avenue, immediately west of the 18 metre to corner parking prohibition west of Bowden Street (3 metres west of the fire hydrant located 15 metres west of Bowden Street). The 10-minute maximum parking limit would operate between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, during July and August, to coincide with the morning drop-off period for the youth group summer program. The pay-and-display parking machine operating times will not change and motorists will need to purchase a ticket during the 10-minute maximum parking period noted above. A three-hour maximum parking limit would be in effect at other times.

The proposed 10-minute maximum parking area will promote a higher parking turnover rate and enhance parking opportunities for parents escorting children to summer day camp programs at the church. The proposal will not negatively impact traffic operations or TTC service on Danforth Avenue.

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