



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Regulations – Langley 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

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

Councillor Paula Fletcher has requested Transportation Services to report on amending the parking regulations on the north side of Langley Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue to expand the capacity of the existing parking islands from two to three vehicles. The amendment would provide seven additional parking spaces however Toronto Fire Services does not support the proposed changes as it could hamper the mobility of fire trucks responding to an emergency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Not amend the parking regulations on Langley Avenue.

Financial Impact

The adoption of the above-noted recommendation will not result in any financial impact.

If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides that amending the parking regulations to expand the “parking islands” on the north side of Langley Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue, as discussed in the body of this report would be beneficial, the estimated cost of relocating existing traffic signs and poles is estimated to be \$2,000.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Paula Fletcher has requested Transportation Services to report on amending the parking regulations on the north side of Langley Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue to expand the capacity of the existing parking islands from two to three vehicles.

The City Services Committee of the former City of Toronto, in response to a request from area residents to increase on-street parking supply, approved the current “island parking” configuration on the north side of Langley Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue, at its meeting of March 24, 1997 (City Services Committee report No. 4, Clause 17). Previously, parking was allowed only on the south side of Langley Avenue and prohibited at all times on the north side.

The layout of the “parking islands” on Langley Avenue was the result of “conditions” developed in consultation with Toronto Fire Services that had been adopted by the former City of Toronto Council at its meeting of October 7, 1996, in connection with the establishment of “parking islands” on Victor Avenue (City Services Committee report No. 12, Clause 13). These “conditions” listed below, were established to ensure street accessibility and adequate space for the deployment of fire fighting equipment, when parking islands are to be established on narrow streets.

1. the “parking islands” shall be restricted in length to 11 metres to accommodate a maximum of two vehicles;
2. “No Parking Anytime” zones between islands must have a minimum length of 36 metres;
3. A minimum driving lane of 3.3 metres in width must be maintained. On a street with a pavement width of 7.3 metres this necessitates that the “islands” and the parking spaces opposite the islands must be restricted to a maximum width of 2 metres by by-law;
4. for one-way streets, at the access end of each block, “No Parking Anytime” corner restrictions shall be posted at 15 metres; and
5. the “parking islands” shall be in effect only during non-winter months (December 1 of any one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive) and be available to parking permit holders only on a 24-hour basis.

COMMENTS

Langley Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue, is a 7.3 metre wide local road operating one-way westbound. The parking regulations on this section of Langley Avenue are as follows:

South side;

Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours outside the hours of permit parking operation (from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. between Broadview Avenue and Howland Avenue, and from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. between Howland Avenue and Logan Avenue); and

North side;

Parking is prohibited except at eight “parking island” locations accommodating approximately two vehicles each that operate from April 1st to November 30th. These “parking islands” are for the exclusive use of residents with parking permits. Parking is prohibited on the north side of Langley Avenue between December 1st of one year and March 31st of the next following year, inclusive.

Presently, there are 8 "parking islands" which provide 15 parking spaces on the north side of Langley Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue. Seven of these “parking islands” can accommodate two vehicles and one “parking island” can accommodate one vehicle. Our review of the current “parking island” arrangement on the north side of Langley Avenue found that the “parking islands” satisfy the above noted conditions set out by Toronto Fire Services and that additional parking spaces cannot be realized in accordance with these conditions. The creation of additional “parking islands” on the north side of Langley Avenue would either reduce the “No parking anytime” zone between the islands to less than the 36 metres minimum length or impede access/egress to existing driveways.

It is feasible however to provide additional parking spaces on the north side of Langley Avenue and maintain the minimum 36-metre separation between “parking islands” if the 11-metre maximum “parking island” length were to be extended by 5.5 metres to 16.5 metres. If so, seven of the eight “parking islands” could be extended to accommodate one additional vehicle, increasing the number of parking spaces on the north side of the street from 15 to 22.

Toronto Fire Services has advised that they do not support the proposal to increase the maximum length of the parking islands to 16.5 metres on Langley Avenue. The increased size will pose an even greater obstacle for fire vehicles responding to emergencies.

The expanded parking islands could also negatively impact the mobility of other municipal service vehicles such as garbage/recycling vehicles and street sweeping equipment and may lead to future requests for similar parking arrangements on other streets. The TTC does not operate a regularly scheduled transit service along Langley Avenue however Wheel-Trans vehicles may on occasion need to attend service calls on this street.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATIONS

Should Toronto and East York Community Council however wish to proceed with amending the parking regulations on the north side of Langley Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue to expand the capacity of the existing parking islands from two to three vehicles, the following recommendations should be adopted:

1. Rescind the entries listed in Appendix A from Chapter 400 of the Municipal Code, Schedule XXIII “No parking certain times” and add the entries listed in Appendix B; and
2. Implement parking by permit only at all times from April 1st to November 30th inclusive, at the locations listed in Appendix C.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0050, dated June 2010
- (2) Drawing No. 421G-0051, dated June 2010
- (3) Appendix A
- (4) Appendix B
- (5) Appendix C

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