



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Parking Amendment – Foster Place

Date:	July 21, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to introduce a “No Standing Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Foster Place from Elizabeth Street to its easterly terminus.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the current “No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the north side of Foster Place, from Elizabeth Street to its easterly terminus; and
2. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Foster Place, from Elizabeth Street to its easterly terminus.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$500.00 are available in the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Kyle Rae, in consultation with residents of 111 Elizabeth Street, requested Transportation Services to prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Foster Place (Elizabeth Street to its easterly terminus) to help deter parking and improve unobstructed two-way traffic flow on this street.

COMMENTS

Foster Place (Elizabeth Street to its easterly terminus) is classified as a local roadway that operates two-way (eastbound and westbound), and has a pavement width of 9.0 metres. The posted speed limit is 50 km/h and there is no TTC service on this street. The following parking regulations are currently in place on Foster Place:

- Pay and display parking operates from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday on the south side.
- Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side.

Of note, motorists with a valid disabled parking permit are exempt from the current “No Parking Anytime” prohibition, and commercial loading/unloading activity is also allowed.

Unobstructed two way traffic flow can become problematic on this street when vehicles are parked on both sides, particularly during the winter months for Emergency Services, and trucks servicing 111 Elizabeth Street. Recent field investigations confirmed resident safety concerns. The proposed “No Standing Anytime” prohibition will deter long term parking but allow for the drop-off/pick-up of passengers only. While the loss of parking may become an inconvenience, the enhancement to overall operational safety should take precedence.

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