

Parking Prohibition – Sheppard Avenue West

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District

Wards: Ward 10 – York Centre

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Sheppard Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Sheppard Avenue West, in the vicinity of the driveway to 800 Sheppard Avenue West.

The proposed parking prohibitions will address sight line issues for motorists exiting the driveway and will result in the loss of about three parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on both sides of Sheppard Avenue West, between Wilson Heights Boulevard and Yeomans Road.
2. City Council prohibit parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on south side of Sheppard Avenue West, between Wilson Heights Boulevard and Yeomans Road.
3. City Council prohibit parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on north side of Sheppard Avenue West, between Wilson Heights Boulevard and a point 90 metres west of Goddard Street, and between a point 75 metres west of Goddard Street and Yeomans Road.
4. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Sheppard Avenue West, between a point 75 metres west of Goddard Street and a point 15 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with amendments to the parking regulations on Sheppard Avenue West are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor James Pasternak, on behalf of local residents, to prohibit parking at all times adjacent to the driveway of 800 Sheppard Avenue West. The proposed parking amendments will address concerns with parked vehicles obstructing sightlines for motorists exiting the driveway.

Sheppard Avenue West is a major arterial street and it provides two lanes of traffic in each direction, as well as a two-way centre left-turn lane. It has a posted speed limit of 60 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 31,000 vehicles. There are municipal sidewalks on both sides of the street. TTC service on this section of Sheppard Avenue West is provided by the 84 and 384 Sheppard West bus routes.

In this section of Sheppard Avenue West, parking is prohibited on the north and south sides, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. At all other times, three-hour time limit parking is in effect (unsigned, statutory).

800 Sheppard Avenue West is a six-story building that is located on the north side of the street, west of Goddard Street. This building consists of 56 residential units as well as ground-floor retail uses. Access to this property is via an uncontrolled two-way driveway, located on the north side of Sheppard Avenue West.

A review of Toronto Police Service records for the five-year period ending June 30, 2017, did not disclose any collisions on this section of Sheppard Avenue West that involved a motorist entering or exiting the driveway to 800 Sheppard Avenue West.

Motorists have reported difficulty in exiting the driveway from 800 Sheppard Avenue West due to poor sight lines resulting from the proximity of parked vehicles. Currently, there are no signs or pavement markings in place indicating the extents of the permitted parking. Therefore, under the City of Toronto's statutory by-laws at all uncontrolled driveways, motorists are permitted to park on the north side of Sheppard Avenue West within 0.6 metres of the driveway.

Staff observations have confirmed that it may be difficult to view approaching traffic and pedestrians crossing the roadway, as sight lines are reduced when vehicles are parked on the north side of Sheppard Avenue West, east of the driveway of 800 Sheppard Avenue West.

Therefore, to enhance sight lines for exiting vehicles at 800 Sheppard Avenue West, a parking prohibition can be enacted to prohibit vehicles from parking within a point 75 metres west of Goddard Street and a point 15 metres further west. The proposed designated will encompass the curb area between the driveways to 788 and 800 Sheppard Avenue West.

Implementing the proposed change will address the concerns of the residents at 800 Sheppard Avenue West and will result in the loss of about three parking spaces on this section of Sheppard Avenue West.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Sheppard Avenue W Proposed Parking Prohibition