

Accessible Parking Space - Westmount Avenue

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District

Wards: Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting North York Community Council to authorize the installation of an accessible parking space on the west side of Westmount Avenue, north of Rogers Road.

The installation of an accessible parking space will address the needs of a local resident, while reducing the available on-street parking by one space.

This report also identifies and rectifies overlapping and outdated traffic regulations on Westmount Avenue by introducing "house-keeping" by-law amendments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve an accessible parking space to operate at all times on the west side of Westmount Avenue, between a point 128 metres north of Rogers Road and a point 5.5 metres further north.
2. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times from December 1 to March 31, inclusive, on the east side of Westmount Avenue, between Rogers Road and Amherst Avenue.
3. Amend the existing permit regulation in effect from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., daily, on the west side of Westmount Avenue, between a point 41 metres north of Rogers Road and Amherst Avenue, to be in effect from Rogers Road to Amherst Avenue.

4. Amend the traffic calming regulation in effect on Westmount Avenue, between Regal Road and St. Clair Avenue West, to operate between Regal Road and Gibson Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the accessible parking space on Westmount Avenue are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by a resident of Westmount Avenue to investigate the feasibility of installing an accessible parking space on the west side of Westmount Avenue, north of Rogers Road.

Westmount Avenue is a local street that operates one-way in the southbound direction. It has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h and traffic calming measures (speed humps) have been installed on this street. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. Westmount Avenue is primarily comprised of residential dwellings, with the exception of St. John Bosco Roman Catholic Church, located on the north/west corner of Westmount Avenue and Rogers Road.

Currently, the by-lawed parking regulations on Westmount Avenue, between Rogers Road and Genessee Street, are as follows:

- No Stopping, Anytime, on the east side;
- No Parking, Anytime, from December 1 to March 31, inclusive, on the east side;
- No Stopping, Anytime, on the west side, from Rogers Road to a point 9 metres north;
- No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., daily, on the west side, between a point 41 metres north of Rogers Road and Amherst Avenue; and
- three-hour time limit parking, all other times where permitted (unsigned, statutory).

There are a total of 28 on-street parking spaces available on Westmount Avenue, between Rogers Road and Genessee Avenue, and currently 26 parking permits have been issued to residents on the street.

The applicant is a holder of a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" issued by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

The installation of an accessible parking space will result in the loss of one parking space and will not have a negative impact on the flow of traffic on Westmount Avenue.

The requested location of the accessible parking space would be on the west side of Westmount Avenue, between a point 128 metres north of Rogers Road and a point 5.5 metres further north. This parking space would not be for the exclusive use of the applicant and may be used by any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit".

In view of the above, Transportation Services supports the installation of the designated accessible parking space.

The staff review also revealed a number of by-law discrepancies on Westmount Avenue. These are listed as follows:

- The No Stopping and No Parking by-laws on the east side of the street are overlapping. The winter parking prohibition was not removed when the alternate-side parking was rescinded in 2012 (Item NY18.12) or when the stopping prohibition was introduced in 2013 (Item NY26.21). This discrepancy will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 2 of this report.
- The Permit Parking by-laws on the west side of the street were not updated when the corner stopping prohibition was amended in 2014 (Item NY32.24). This discrepancy will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 3 of this report.
- The traffic calming by-law was not updated when speed humps were installed between St. Clair Avenue West in Gibson Street between 2000 and 2002 (various approval dates). These discrepancies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 4 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Accessible Parking Space - Westmount Avenue