

Parking Amendments - Avenue Road

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District

Wards: Ward 16 - Eglinton-Lawrence

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Avenue Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing parking machine regulations and introduce a short-term parking area on the west side of Avenue Road, south of Melrose Avenue.

The proposed parking amendments will reduce the operating hours of existing Pay-and-Display parking regulations and provide three short-term parking spaces during the weekday morning and evening periods. These changes are technically feasible and will assist the pick-up/drop-off activity for a daycare centre opening at 1780 Avenue Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Avenue Road, between Melrose Avenue and a point 22.5 metres further south.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at the rate of \$3.00 per hour, on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 38 metres north of the northerly limit of Glengarry Avenue and a point 13 metres south of the southerly limit of Joicey Boulevard.
3. City Council authorize a parking machine regulation to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at the rate of \$3.00 per hour, on the west side of

Avenue Road, between a point 38 metres north of Glengarry Avenue and a point 41.5 metres south of Melrose Avenue.

4. City Council authorize a parking machine regulation to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at the rate of \$3.00 per hour, on the west side of Avenue Road, between Melrose Avenue and a point 13 metres south of Joicey Boulevard.

5. City Council authorize a parking machine regulation to be in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at the rate of \$3.00 per hour, on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 22.5 metres south of Melrose Avenue and a point 19 metres further south.

6. City Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 22.5 metres south of Melrose Avenue and a point 19 metres further south.

7. City Council prohibit standing from 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 22.5 metres south of Melrose Avenue and a point 19 metres further south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost associated with the necessary signage changes are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget estimates. All cost associated with the parking machine changes and loss of parking revenue will be assumed by the Toronto Parking Authority.

DECISION HISTORY

On February 21, 2018, North York Community Council adopted Item NY28.15 and recommended amendments to the short-term parking area on the south side of Melrose Avenue for the daycare centre opening at No. 1780 Avenue Road. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.NY28.15>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Carmichael Greb, on behalf of the management of Alphabet Treehouse Childcare Centre, to investigate the feasibility of amending the existing parking machine regulations on the west side of Avenue Road, south of Melrose Avenue, to provide additional short-term parking opportunities for parents and guardians in the vicinity of the daycare centre.

Alphabet Treehouse Childcare Centre is a new daycare constructed at 1780 Avenue Road, located on southwest corner of the intersection of Avenue Road and Melrose Avenue. This facility will operate between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and is expected to open in the spring of this year.

The daycare facility is expected to generate 29 inbound and 28 outbound trips in the morning and afternoon peak periods. The site will provide for six on-site spaces and the applicant has also obtained agreements with respect to sharing a total of four parking spaces from the properties located at 1788 Avenue Road and 368 Melrose Avenue during the morning and afternoon peak periods.

Recently, amendments were made to the short-term parking area on the south side of Melrose Avenue, west of Avenue Road, to assist the daycare's requirement for short-term parking (NY28.15). However, given the expected demand on this facility, additional on-street pick-up/drop-off spaces on Avenue Road will also be required.

Avenue Road is a four lane major arterial street with a pavement width of approximately 16 metres. It has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 42,000 vehicles. Heavy vehicles are prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day. TTC service is provided by 61 Avenue Road North and 142 Downtown/Avenue Road Express buses.

Currently, Pay-and-Display parking is in effect on both sides of this section of Avenue Road, operating between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays. There are a total of eight spaces within three separate lay-bys on the west side, between Melrose Avenue and St. Germain Avenue. In order to provide a short-term parking area for the daycare, it will be necessary to amend the operation of the Pay-and-Display parking in the northernmost lay-by.

Consultation with the Toronto Parking Authority regarding the potential loss of parking revenue disclosed that they have no objections in reducing the operating hours of the existing pay-and-display parking regulations during the morning and evening periods. The cost of adjusting the parking machines and the loss of revenue will be assumed by the Toronto Parking Authority.

In view of the above, Transportation Services can support a short-term parking area on the west side of Avenue Road, south of Melrose Avenue. The proposed amendments will provide approximately three pick-up and drop-off parking spaces within the existing

Pay-and-Display parking area during the arrival and dismissal times of the daycare. The Pay-and-Display parking would operate at all other times on the weekdays and at all times on weekends.

In order to ensure that parked vehicles vacate the lay-by in advance of the short-term parking commencing, a brief standing prohibition will be enacted before the beginning of the short-term parking operation.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Avenue Road