

## **Parking Amendments – Christie Street**

**Date:** August 26, 2019  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 11, University-Rosedale

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is recommending amendments to the existing parking regulations on Christie Street, between Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue. These parking amendments are deemed necessary to facilitate the safe and efficient operation of traffic and TTC service within the vicinity of Christie Station.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Christie Street (east roadway), between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 9 metres further north.
2. City Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Christie Street, (east roadway) between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 9 metres further north.
3. City Council amend the existing passenger loading zone in effect at all times on the east side of Christie Street, between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 28 metres further north, to be in effect at all times, between a point 75.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 19 metres further north.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Funds associated with the cost to install necessary signage are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

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Transportation Services was requested by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to investigate operational and safety concerns for TTC buses on Christie Street, north of Bloor Street West. Parking amendments are deemed necessary to facilitate the safe and efficient operation of TTC buses within the vicinity of Christie Station.

## **COMMENTS**

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Christie Street, between Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue is a north-south minor arterial roadway that splits to become one-way northbound and one-way southbound as it passes the channelizing island just north of Bloor Street West. This section of Christie Street has a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 10,000 vehicles and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Transit service on Christie Street is provided by the '126 Christie' bus.

The following parking regulations are currently in place on this section of Christie Street:

### **West Side**

- No stopping anytime between a point 74.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 53 metres further north;
- No parking except by permit from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., between Barton Avenue and Bloor Street West;
- Pay-and-display parking, 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, between Barton Avenue and Bloor Street West; and
- No parking anytime between a point 94.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue;

### **East Side**

- No stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between a point 94.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and Barton Avenue;
- No stopping anytime between a point 29 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 37.5 metres further north;
- Passenger loading zone in effect at all times on the east side of Christie Street, between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 28 metres further north;
- No stopping from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between Bloor Street and a point 29 metres north;
- Taxicab stand in effect at all times, except from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 15 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 14 metres further north; and

- No standing anytime between a point 66.5 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 28 metres further north.

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) personnel have advised Transportation Services of operational and safety concerns when travelling northbound on Christie Street from Christie Station. Specifically, TTC buses are experiencing difficulty maneuvering around vehicles that are parking within a "Passenger Pick-up and Drop-off" area located only 9 metres north of the TTC bus stop pole. In addition, local residents have also contacted the TTC expressing their concerns about bus operators honking their horns when trying to get these parked vehicle to move. In order to help alleviate this issue and provide more room for buses to maneuver, TTC staff requested that the "Passenger Pick-up and Drop-off" area be moved 9 metres further north of its current location. Of note, the "Passenger Pick-up and Drop-off" area currently accommodates approximately 5 vehicles. This area will be shortened as a result of the proposed parking amendments and will accommodate approximately 3 vehicles.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G-3493, dated August 2019

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