

Parking Amendments - Strathmore Boulevard

Date: November 14, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

SUMMARY

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

At the request of the TTC, Transportation Services is recommending that stopping be prohibited on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Linnsmore Crescent and a point 30.5 metres west, in order to ensure TTC buses have clear passage to safely exit Greenwood Station from its northern egress.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Linnsmore Crescent and a point 30.5 metres west.
2. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Linnsmore Crescent and a point 30.5 metres west.
3. City Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year and from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the even (north) side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Greenwood Avenue and Coxwell Avenue, to be in effect on the odd (south) side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Greenwood Avenue and Coxwell Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of the TTC, Transportation services reviewed the feasibility of amending the parking regulation on Strathmore Boulevard to facilitate outbound movements from the northern access of Greenwood Station. An onsite investigation has determined that parked vehicles on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, west of Linnsmore Crescent, restrict outbound movements for the northern egress.

Strathmore Boulevard is a local roadway that operates two-way east-west traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The daily average traffic volume is about 1,200 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and traffic calming measures, specifically speed humps, are installed on Strathmore Boulevard. TTC service is provided by the "31 Greenwood" bus and "2 Bloor-Danforth line" at Greenwood Station. The bus stops are located at the south-west corner of Strathmore Boulevard and Linnsmore Crescent.

The parking regulations within the subject section of Strathmore Boulevard are as follows:

South Side

- No parking anytime between Linnsmore Crescent and a point 30.5 metres west;
- No parking anytime from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.5 metres west of Linnsmore Crescent and Greenwood Avenue;
- Maximum one-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year and from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.5 metres west of Linnsmore Crescent and Greenwood Avenue; and
- Permit Parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year and from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.5 metres west of Linnsmore Crescent and Greenwood Avenue.

North Side

- No parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year and from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive between a point 30.5 metres west of Linnsmore Crescent and Greenwood Avenue;

- Maximum one-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.5 metres west of Linnsmore Crescent and Greenwood Avenue; and
- Permit Parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.5 metres west of Linnsmore Crescent and Greenwood Avenue.

On the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, approximately 22 metres west of its intersection with Linnsmore Crescent, is the northern access for Greenwood Transit Station. The current intended usage of this access is for northbound TTC buses to exit right onto eastbound Strathmore Boulevard.

TTC staff have reported concerns regarding instances where accessible parking permit holders were parked within the prohibited area on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Linnsmore Crescent and a point 30.5 metres west. This results in TTC vehicles having to travel in the opposing lane in order to pass. Accessible parking permit holders are not exempt from corner parking prohibitions signed up to 15 metres, however this non-exemption does not apply to the remainder of the prohibition beyond the 15-metre corner parking prohibition.

In addition to accessible permit parking holders parking on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, alternate side parking is in effect resulting in vehicles parking on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard as well. TTC vehicles are unable to safely pass at these choke points.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the existing parking prohibition in effect on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard be amended to a stopping prohibition. This will prevent accessible permit parking holders from parking on the south side and provide consistent clear passage for eastbound TTC buses. This proposal will not result in the loss of any on-street or permit parking spaces.

Housekeeping Issues

During the course of our review, it was noted that signage in the field did not match existing regulations on Strathmore Boulevard. This inconsistency will be resolved by the adoption of Recommendation 3.

Councillor Paula Fletcher has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3587, dated November 2019

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