St. Clair Avenue West between Jane Street and Scarlett Road – Parking Amendments

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 11 - York South-Weston
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to propose a “No Standing” regulation on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West between Jane Street and Scarlett Road.

The proposed parking amendments will address the safety concerns raised with respect to on-street parked vehicles.

As St. Clair Avenue West is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff have been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. That the current “No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West between Jane Street and Scarlett Road, be rescinded.

2. That standing be prohibited at all times on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West between Jane Street and Scarlett Road.

Financial Impact

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ISSUE BACKGROUND
Councillors Frances Nunziata and Rob Ford, in consultation with Traffic Operations staff, as a result of an on-site meeting, requested Transportation Services, West District, to investigate the feasibility of prohibiting parking at all times along this section of roadway, to alleviate the congestion created by the on-street parking, and to better manage the safe flow of through traffic.

COMMENTS
St. Clair Avenue West, between Jane Street and Scarlett Road, is a four-lane major arterial roadway with an existing speed limit of 50 km/h.

Parking is currently prohibited on both sides of St. Clair Avenue West between Jane Street and Scarlett Road from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Councillor Nunziata has indicated that with on-site parking associated with the existing retail stores on this section of St. Clair Avenue West, there is not a high demand for on-street parking in this vicinity. In addition, parked vehicles on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West are creating congestion, delays and unnecessary lane changes, especially along the section closer to Jane Street. On-site observations have indicated that vehicles do not park on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, except for the portion closer to Jane Street. There is sufficient parking provided on the north side of the street to accommodate any additional overflow parking that may be required as a result of the proposed prohibition.

Based on staff examination of this matter, it is feasible to rescind the current “No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, between Jane Street and Scarlett Road and prohibit standing at all times. This proposal would address the traffic congestion and safety concerns raised with respect to on-street parked vehicles. Parking demands on this section of St. Clair Avenue West are being accommodated on the north side of the street.

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ATTACHMENTS: Attachment No. 1: Map