

NOTICE OF MOTION

Amendment to parking regulations on Dundas Street West, and on several local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road (Ward 18)

Moved by: Councillor Ana Bailão

SUMMARY:

This motion is to request City Council to restore parking regulations on Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to Sterling Road that will allow parking during rush hour periods on the off-peak side of the street and parking in areas where it was removed in 2009 and direct the General Manager of Transportation Services to report directly to City Council at its meeting of February 7, 2011, with the necessary amendments to the by-law to enact these changes in the parking regulations. This motion also directs the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District to submit the necessary Bills to Toronto and East York Community Council at its February 16, 2011 meeting to rescind the pay-and-display parking provision implemented in 2009 on the commercial flank of several local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Sterling Road and Dovercourt Road and to reinstate the former parking regulations that existed, including overnight permit parking, on these streets.

This is an urgent matter and one of the most critical issues in the Ward at this time, with considerable impacts on the struggling business community along this section of Dundas Street West.

ISSUE:

The Dundas West BIA, local businesses, and area residents in Ward 18 are requesting that the on-street parking regulations on Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road that were implemented by City Council at its meeting of September 30 and October 1, 2009 and resulted in the loss of about 70 parking spaces on this section of Dundas Street West, be rescinded. Local residents also are requesting that the pay-and-display parking regulations on the commercial flank of several local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West that were implemented concurrently with the changes to the parking regulations on Dundas Street West in an attempt to somewhat offset the parking loss also be rescinded and that permit parking regulations be reinstated on these streets.

The current parking regulations on Dundas Street West and on the local streets have had a significant economic impact to the local business community, which relies heavily on parking for their business and parking for residents in the community. Given the lack public consultation that took place on this issue in 2009 and the clear demands from area businesses and residents, the intent of this motion is three-fold:

1. to restore the parking spaces that were lost along Dundas Street West in Ward 18 in a manner that would be consistent with the parking arrangement in adjacent Wards;
2. restore a revenue stream for the Toronto Parking Authority, which also was lost; and
3. enhance parking opportunity for residents on the local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Sterling Road and Dovercourt Road.

It is recognized that the current parking regulations on Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Sterling Road were implemented to enhance streetcar operations along this section of Dundas Street West. However, there is no evidence to support these changes to the parking regulations having enhanced public transit operations on this street.

Financial Impact:

Staff has advised me that the estimated cost of implementing these changes to the parking regulations on Dundas Street West and the local streets is about \$35,000.00 to Transportation Services for the adjustment and installation of signs, and about \$40,000.00 to the Toronto Parking Authority for the relocation of and/or modification to parking machines.

Implementing the current parking regulations on Dundas Street West eliminated about 70 parking spaces resulted in an estimated loss of over \$300,000.00 annual revenue from pay-and-display parking. Although off-set somewhat by the installation of parking machines on the local streets, the net loss is still in the order of \$200,000.00 annually. By reinstating the parking spaces on Dundas Street West and removing pay-and-display parking from the local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, a net increase in revenue of over \$200,000.00 is expected from the parking machines in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That:

1. City Council restore the parking regulations on Dundas Street West, from Dovercourt Road to Sterling Road, to the former configuration that permits parking in the off-peak direction of travel during peak periods, namely on the north side (westbound) in the morning peak period from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and on the south side (eastbound) in the afternoon peak period from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., including reinstating parking to areas where it was removed in 2009, and the General Manager of Transportation Services report directly to City Council at its meeting of February 7, 2011, with the necessary amendments to the by-law to enact these changes in the parking regulations.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council approve rescinding pay-and-display parking where currently implemented in proximity to Dundas Street West on Coolmine Road, Rusholme Road, Lisgar Street, Rusholme Drive, Beaconsfield Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, Brock Avenue, Marguereta Street, and St. Clarens Avenue and restore the previous parking regulations that existed on these streets, including the previous permit parking regulations, subject to City Council approval of Recommendation 1, and direct the Director of Transportation Services Toronto and East York District to submit the necessary Bills to Toronto and East York Community Council at its February 16, 2011 meeting to enact these parking regulation changes.

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