



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed on-street parking – Bay Street (College Street to Bloor Street West)**

<b>Date:</b>	October 14, 2011
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2011204te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to introduce Pay and Display parking on both sides of Bay Street from College Street to Bloor Street West outside of the Bay Street Urban Clearway hours of operation.

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and the Bay Corridor Community Association to introduce on-street parking opportunities along this section of Bay Street for visitors and shoppers in the area.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the current "No Parking 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, anytime on Saturdays and Sundays, except on public holidays" on both sides of Bay Street from College Street to Cumberland Street.
2. City Council authorize the operation of parking machines on both sides of Bay Street, from College Street to Bloor Street West as follows:
  - from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight, Monday to Friday for a maximum period of 5 hours at a rate of \$2.50 per hour;
  - from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.50 per hour;
  - from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight, Saturday for a maximum period of 6 hours at a rate of \$2.50 per hour; and

- from 1:00 p.m. to Midnight, Sundays for a maximum period of 6 hours at a rate of \$2.50 per hour.
3. City Council prohibit parking from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, anytime on Saturdays and Sundays, except on public holidays on both sides of Bay Street from Bloor Street West to Cumberland Street.

### **Financial Impact**

The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the funds required to install Pay and Display parking machines and related signage on both sides of Bay Street from College Street to Bloor Street West are available in Toronto Parking Authority 2011 Pay and Display Machines Installation Program.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and the Bay Corridor Community Association, Transportation Services was asked to introduce on-street parking on Bay Street from College Street to Bloor Street West to provide additional parking opportunity for residents, visitors and businesses in this area.

### **COMMENTS**

Bay Street between College Street and Bloor Street West is a four-lane major arterial roadway operating two-way (northbound and southbound) and carries approximately 20,000 vehicles a day. Bay Street is surrounded by a mixture of land uses including professional, commercial, financial and residential components. Bay Street has a posted speed limit of 50 km/h and accommodates the 6 Bay bus route. This bus route runs within "The Bay Street Urban Clearway" which utilizes both curb lanes of Bay Street, from Wellington Street West to Cumberland Street (reserved for use by transit vehicles, taxicabs and cyclists from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

The following parking regulations are currently in effect on this section of Bay Street:

- Stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- Parking is prohibited from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, anytime on Saturdays and Sundays, except on public holidays.

As the parking regulations indicate, on-street parking is currently not allowed on Bay Street.

#### Proposed On-Street Parking

Allowing parking is technically feasible, and will create approximately 133 Pay and Display parking spaces on Bay Street between College Street and Bloor Street West. The following pay parking hours of operation are proposed:

- 7:00 p.m. to midnight, Monday to Friday
- 8:00 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays
- 1:00 p.m. to midnight Sundays

Over the years this section of Bay Street has seen a significant increase in condominium development and multi-use building construction. This has generated a demand for on-street parking opportunity in the downtown core for all road users. On-street parking along this section of Bay Street would help accommodate this growth by adding convenience and accessibility to the downtown core for motorists. Local business, residents and visitors would benefit from the additional parking opportunity as current on-street parking availability in this area is limited. Bicycle facilities are being contemplated for Bay Street. However, these would not affect the potential to provide parking on Bay Street from College Street to Bloor Street West.

Toronto Transit Commission has been consulted and is not opposed to the introduction of on-street parking outside of the Clearway hours. On-street parking will continue to be prohibited along this section of Bay Street during the "Bay Street Urban Clearway" hours of operation (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

The addition of on-street Pay and Display parking along this section of Bay Street during the weekday and week-end timeframes proposed should not have major impacts to traffic operations while providing much needed on-street parking within this community.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0460, dated October 2011

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