



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendment and One-way Operation – Park Avenue

Date:	January 12, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 32
Reference Number:	Ts2012033te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to relocate parking to the south side of Park Avenue and implement one-way westbound operation.

Relocating parking to the south side of Park Avenue would result in four more parking spaces, for a total of 12 spaces. It would also eliminate the problem of parked vehicles blocking the driveways to the homes on the north side of the road.

Implementing one-way westbound operation on Park Avenue would allow vehicles to park facing westbound on the south side of the road, thereby eliminating the need for potentially unsafe westbound to eastbound u-turns when parking. It would also create a clockwise traffic pattern from Willow Avenue to Beech Avenue for area residents. This may inconvenience some residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve implementation of a one-way westbound operation on Park Avenue, between Beech Avenue and Willow Avenue.
2. Rescind the “12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Permit Parking, All times” regulation on the north side of Park Avenue, between Beech Avenue and Willow Avenue.

3. Implement a "12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Permit Parking, All times" regulation on the south side of Park Avenue, between Beech Avenue and Willow Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2012 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, on behalf of local residents, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of relocating parking to the south side of Park Avenue and implementing one-way westbound operation on Park Avenue. These requests were made to increase parking inventory and to eliminate potential conflicts between pedestrians and westbound motorists executing u-turns in order to park facing eastbound on the south side of Park Avenue.

COMMENTS

Park Avenue is an 8.5 metre wide, local two-way roadway that runs east from Beech Avenue to Willow Avenue, south of Queen Street East. There are homes on the north side of the road and a park on the south side. There is no TTC service on Park Avenue.

Parking is permitted for three-hours at all times and by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on the north side of Park Avenue, where there are eight parking spaces. Parking is prohibited on the south side of Park Avenue.

Relocating parking to the south side of Park Avenue would result in four more parking spaces. It would also eliminate the problem of parked vehicles blocking the driveways to the homes on the north side of the road. There are no driveways on the south side of the road.

Implementing one-way westbound operation on Park Avenue would allow vehicles to park facing westbound on the south side of the road, thereby eliminating the need for potentially unsafe westbound to eastbound u-turns when parking. It would also create a clockwise traffic pattern from Willow Avenue to Beech Avenue for area residents. This may inconvenience some residents.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0533, dated January 2012

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