



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendment – Eireann Quay

Date:	January 20, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting authority to remove the “No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” regulation on the east side of Eireann Quay, between its south end and Queens Quay West, and replace it with a “No Stopping at Anytime” regulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.” regulation on the east side of Eireann Quay, between the south end of Eireann Quay and Queens Quay West.
2. Approve implementation of a “No Stopping at Anytime” regulation on the east side of Eireann Quay, between the south end of Eireann Quay and Queens Quay West.

Financial Impact

Funding for the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$300.00 is available within Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Based on the upcoming construction of the pedestrian tunnel link at the Billy Bishop Airport, Toronto Port Authority requested Transportation Services to remove the “No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” regulation on the east side of Eireann Quay, between its south end and Queens Quay West, and replace it with a “No Stopping at Anytime” regulation.

COMMENTS

Eireann Quay, between its south end and Queens Quay West, is a collector roadway that generally operates with two wide lanes and a speed limit of 40 km/h. The Billy Bishop Airport is located at the south end of Eireann Quay and the Waterfront School and Harbourfront Centre are located on the southeast corner of Eireann Quay and Queens Quay West. There is no TTC service on this section of Eireann Quay.

The following parking regulations are in effect on this section of Eireann Quay:

East side:

- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily; and
- At other times, parking is permitted for maximum period of three hours.

West side:

- No stopping at anytime.

Toronto Port Authority is planning to construct a pedestrian tunnel between the mainland and island terminals at the Billy Bishop Airport. Construction work for this facility will start in February 2012 and will continue for about 26 months.

This construction project will eliminate airport parking and reduce the size of the pick-up and drop-off area at the terminal. Temporary traffic arrangements will be introduced on the mainland side, in the former Canada Malting site off Eireann Quay, to accommodate transit services, taxis, parking and general traffic movements.

Taxis currently wait in two southbound lanes in a lot parallel to Eireann Quay (“Finger Lot”) for passenger pick-ups at the terminal. They also queue northbound on Eireann Quay when the Finger Lot is full, creating significant on-street activity and causing both environmental and traffic concerns which will be increased with the tunnel construction. It is therefore proposed to introduce temporary facilities for the duration of the project, including the following:

- An off-street waiting and pick-up area for up to 50 taxis in the Canada Malting site to address traffic concerns and reduce the environmental, traffic, safety and visual impact of taxi queuing;
- A dedicated transit facility in lands to the east of Eireann Quay to accommodate airport shuttle buses, eliminating the need for buses to turn around adjacent to the terminal;
- Off-street short-term parking for 18 vehicles and long-term parking for up to 26 vehicles in the Canada Malting site; and
- A drop-off area in front of the terminal building.

To accommodate these temporary arrangements the configuration of Eireann Quay south of Queens Quay will be changed. A central left-turn lane is proposed and the existing north-south lanes will be reduced in width.

Private vehicles currently wait on the east side of Eireann Quay to pick up passengers, and taxis also wait on the east side if the existing taxi queuing lanes are full. The existing wide lanes are

able to accommodate this short-term on-street parking while allowing moving traffic to pass. However, when the lane configuration on Eireann Quay is changed to provide a left turn lane, cars parked on the east side will create an obstruction to through traffic.

Given that all taxi queuing and parking activity will be accommodated in off-street facilities, it is proposed to remove the existing 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily, parking prohibition on the east side of Eireann Quay and replace it with a stopping prohibition at all times. This more stringent regulation will provide City's enforcement agencies more powerful tools in addressing any illegal parking activity on Eireann Quay. There will be an impact on the available parking for the Harbourfront Community Centre on evenings and weekends.

Transportation Services has no objections to amending this parking regulation. Councillor Vaughan has been advised about this proposed parking regulation change.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0555, dated January 2012

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