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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – St. Clair Avenue West

Date:	March 27, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts2012090te.top

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting authority from City Council to amend parking regulations on St. Clair Avenue West, between Winona Drive and Vaughan Road, in order to provide additional parking during some weekday rush hour periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "A" attached to the report dated March 27, 2012 entitled, "Parking Amendments – St. Clair Avenue West", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

2. City Council enact the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "B" attached to the report dated March 27, 2012 entitled, "Parking Amendments – St. Clair Avenue West", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

The funds in the estimated amount of $1,500.00 for the adjustment of signs are contained in the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget. The Toronto Parking Authority advised that the costs pertaining to parking machine changes are available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Based on a request from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of allowing parking during the rush hour periods in the off-peak direction on St. Clair Avenue West in Ward 21 (between Winona Drive and Spadina Road).

COMMENTS

Transportation Services reviewed traffic volumes and parking regulations on St. Clair Avenue West in Ward 21, as well as in Ward 22. The study reviewed St. Clair Avenue West, between Winona Drive and Yonge Street.

Traffic volumes have now stabilized since the completion of the St. Clair streetcar right-of-way about two years ago. Currently, stopping is prohibited during both rush hours (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday) on both sides of St. Clair Avenue West. At other times parking is allowed.

The following table summarizes the traffic volumes in vehicles per hour at key locations during all time periods for westbound and eastbound traffic:

Intersection	Direction	Morning rush hour	Mid-day off peak	Afternoon rush hour
Winona Drive	Westbound	390	480	670
	Eastbound	730	480	500
Arlington Ave.	Westbound	370	500	670
	Eastbound	730	490	470
Christie Street	Westbound	450	530	680
	Eastbound	800	520	500
Vaughan Road	Westbound	450	550	770
	Eastbound	780	480	580
Bathurst Street	Westbound	540	600	880
	Eastbound	870	520	580
Spadina Road	Westbound	680	720	950
	Eastbound	1220	840	650
Avenue Road	Westbound	730	660	1,020
	Eastbound	1200	700	800
Yonge Street	Westbound	850	800	970
	Eastbound	1230	980	1,200

Based on our review and the above-noted traffic volumes we can support the removal of the stopping prohibition and the installation of pay-and-display parking during the rush hours periods in the off-peak direction i.e.: allowing parking on the north side during the morning rush hour and on the south side during the afternoon rush hour on St. Clair Avenue West, between Winona Drive and Vaughan Road. Similar parking regulations are in effect on St. Clair Avenue West to the west of Winona Drive.

We would suggest that the existing stopping regulations during both rush hours on both sides be maintained east of Vaughan Road due to the close signal spacing to Bathurst Street, as well as different operating characteristics, higher traffic volumes and less demand for on-street parking east of Bathurst Street. The proposed by-law changes also correct some discrepancies between the field signs and the existing parking by-laws.

The proposed changes will not have any negative impact on TTC operations. Councillor Mihevc has been consulted on the proposed changes.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No 421G-0608, dated February 2012
(2) Drawing No 421G-0609, dated February 2012
(3) Appendix “A” – Parking regulations to be rescinded
(4) Appendix “B” – Parking regulations to be enacted

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