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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – Oxford Street

Date:	May 17, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts2012120te.top.doc

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 approval to rescind the alternate side parking regulation and allow parking on the north side only on Oxford Street, between Bellevue Avenue and Augusta Avenue, in order to increase the on-street parking availability for area residents.

This parking change would have a negligible impact on traffic operations. However, regular street cleaning of the north side of the street would be more difficult and less frequent.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the changes to the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "A" attached to the report dated May 17, 2012 entitled "Parking Amendments – Oxford Street", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $1,000.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY
The Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of April 17, 2012, in considering Item TE15.44, titled "On-Street Bike Corrals" approved the following motion from Councillor Adam Vaughan:

"That the Toronto and East York Community Council request the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District to identify opportunities to increase the number of permit parking spaces in permit Parking Zone 6C, and to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the required by-law amendments required to approve the new parking spaces".

COMMENTS

Oxford Street, between Bellevue Avenue and Spadina Avenue, is classified as a local roadway operating one-way westbound, with a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no T.T.C. service on Oxford Street.

Currently on-street permit parking and one-hour parking is provided on Oxford Street from just east of Bellevue Avenue to Spadina Avenue on an alternate side basis, with parking on the north side during the winter months.

There is a short section for 30.5 metres east of Bellevue Avenue, where parking is prohibited on both sides at all times. This section was excluded from the alternate side parking regulation at the time of its implementation because of the limited number of available parking spaces on the south side due to the significant number of driveway ramps.

Permit Parking Area 6C is bounded by Bathurst Street, College Street, Spadina Avenue and Dundas Street West. There are a total of 234 on-street parking spaces for which a total of 250 permits have been issued to area residents. The installation of the bike corral at 236-240 Augusta Avenue will result in a seasonal loss of two on-street permit parking spaces.

We have undertaken a review of the parking supply in the area and have identified the potential to add an additional five on-street permit parking spaces on Oxford Street. This can be done by rescinding the current alternate side parking regulation on only the section of Oxford Street, between Bellevue Avenue and Augusta Avenue, in favour of year round parking on the north side only, and also allowing parking on the north side immediately east of Bellevue Avenue.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
(1)   Drawing No. 421G-0705, dated May 2012
(2)   Appendix A – Regulations to be Changed on Oxford Street

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