



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Alternate Side Parking – Seaforth Avenue

Date:	May 23, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Parkdale High-Park, Ward 14
Reference Number:	Ts2012125te.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 rescind the parking prohibition, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue, and introduce alternate side parking.

Rescinding the weekday parking prohibition will allow local residents and their visitors to park for a maximum period of three hours. Introducing on-street parking on Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue, will also provide a calming effect by reducing the width of the travelled portion of the roadway and it will provide a visual reinforcement of the one-way eastbound traffic operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "A" attached to the report dated May 23, 2012 entitled "Alternate Side Parking – Seaforth Avenue" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. Enact the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "B" attached to the report dated May 23, 2012 entitled "Alternate Side Parking - Seaforth Avenue" 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 \$500.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Gord Perks, on behalf of area residents, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of rescinding the parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue, to provide parking for local residents and their visitors during the weekday. In conjunction with rescinding the parking prohibition local residents are requesting the introduction of alternate side parking to maintain regular mechanical street sweeping operations along this section of Seaforth Avenue.

COMMENTS

Seaforth Avenue is a local roadway operating two-way, from Lansdowne Avenue to West Lodge Avenue, reverting into an eastbound one-way direction to O'Hara Avenue. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. The TTC does not operate service along this portion of Seaforth Avenue.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Seaforth Avenue, from Lansdowne Avenue to O'Hara Avenue:

North side

- Parking is prohibited at all times.

South side

- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of 3-hours; and
- Parking is allowed by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily.

Investigation

Because parking is currently prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the weekdays on the south side of Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue, residents are required to relocate their vehicles onto adjoining streets during the day.

Currently motorists occasionally enter Seaforth Avenue from O'Hara Avenue and proceed illegally in a westerly direction to Lansdowne Avenue. In 1998 the intersection throat on Seaforth Avenue at O'Hara Avenue was narrowed with the installation of a planter box on the northwest corner to discourage motorists entering the street illegally.

Proposed Changes

In addressing this safety concern on-street parking is one measure that provides a visual impediment to motorists by narrowing the overall width of a road. Rescinding the weekday parking prohibition will also allow local residents to continue parking throughout the day without having to relocate their vehicles onto adjoining streets.

Introducing alternate side parking on Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue, allows for a balanced mechanical street cleaning service for all the residents on both sides of Seaforth Avenue by changing the parking from one side to the opposite side for each half of each month during the spring, summer and fall months of the year. During the winter months parking is exclusive to one side of the street to provide the most cost-effective means of delivering the snow ploughing operation.

When introducing alternate side parking a street inventory is undertaken to determine the number of legal curb side parking spaces on each side of the street. Based on our survey there are a total of 9 spaces on the north side versus 14 spaces on the south side available on Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue. To provide the greatest number of curb side parking opportunities during the winter months we would recommend on-street parking be maintained on the south side of Seaforth Avenue, between West Lodge Avenue and O'Hara Avenue.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0706, dated May 2012
- (2) Appendix "A" - Regulations to be Rescinded on Seaforth Avenue
- (3) Appendix "B" - Regulations to be Enacted on Seaforth Avenue

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