Parking Prohibition – No. 300 Coxwell Avenue

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**SUMMARY**

Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to implement a 5.5 metre parking prohibition on the west side of Coxwell Avenue, north of the private driveway for No. 300 Coxwell Avenue. The parking prohibition will enhance sight lines for motorists exiting the driveway, however it will result in the loss of one on-street parking space.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibits parking on the west side of Coxwell Avenue, between a point 129 metres north of Gerrard Street East and a point 5.5 metres further north.

**Financial Impact**

Funding for the installation of parking prohibition signs in the estimated amount of $200.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services in consultation with Councillor Paula Fletcher investigated a request from a resident to enhance sight lines at the driveway at No. 300 Coxwell Avenue.

**COMMENTS**

Coxwell Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue, is a north/south four-lane minor arterial roadway with TTC bus and streetcar service. No. 300 Coxwell Avenue is a five-storey residential building with ground floor retail located on the west side of the street within this block of Coxwell Avenue. A 14-metre wide private
driveway provides access and egress to an underground parking garage for the building. Parking is allowed on the west side of Coxwell Avenue, at all times except during the morning and afternoon peak periods, when stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, and parking is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

When a vehicle is parked on Coxwell Avenue in the first parking space north of the driveway ramp, sight lines for motorists exiting the driveway can be obstructed. A driver must "inch-out" into the southbound driving lane in order to view southbound vehicles and cyclists, creating a potentially hazardous situation. The ability of southbound motorists and cyclists to see a vehicle exiting the driveway is also impeded by a vehicle parked adjacent to the driveway.

In order to improve sight lines and enhance safety, the parking space closest to the driveway ramp could be eliminated by implementing a 5.5-metre no parking regulation on the west side of Coxwell Avenue, north of the driveway. This would result in the loss of one on-street parking space.

A check of Toronto Police Service collision records for the three-year period ending May 31, 2012, did not find any reported collisions at the driveway of No. 300 Coxwell Avenue attributed to a driver's sight line being obstructed by on-street parking.

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