Parking Regulations – Colin Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards: St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is seeking authority to rescind the existing "No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition and the "one-hour maximum 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue.

Rescinding the above-noted parking regulations will result in parking being allowed at all times on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue, for a maximum of three hours.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Amend the "No Parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Chaplin Crescent and Eglinton Avenue West, to be in effect between Chaplin Crescent and Hillsdale Avenue West and between Anderson Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West.

2. Amend the "No Parking, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Anderson Avenue and Chaplin Crescent, to be in effect between Hillsdale Avenue West and Chaplin Crescent.
3. Amend the "one-hour maximum parking from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Chaplin Crescent and Eglinton Avenue West, to be in effect between Eglinton Avenue West and Anderson Avenue.

4. Restrict parking for a maximum period of one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Chaplin Crescent and Hillsdale Avenue West.

Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $200.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
At the request of Councillor Josh Matlow, on behalf of residents of Colin Avenue, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of rescinding the existing parking prohibitions on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue, to provide less restrictive parking opportunities for residents and their visitors.

COMMENTS
Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue, is a local residential roadway that operates on a pavement width of 8.5 metres and with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service on this street.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue:

West side
- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

East side
- Parking is prohibited at all times.

Residents of Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue, feel that the existing one-hour parking regulation and the morning and afternoon parking prohibitions in operation on their section of Colin Avenue are too restrictive. Residents have received tickets for parking beyond the one-hour limit, or during the restricted periods. To address these concerns, the removal of the existing parking regulations on this section of Colin Avenue will allow the residents, their guests and all other motorists to park anytime on the west side of the roadway for a maximum period of three hours (unsigned).
The removal of these regulations could result in long duration, non-resident and possibly some commuter parking taking place on the street. The existing parking regulations were implemented many years ago at the request of the residents as a means to control non-resident parking and to regulate parking turnover during the daytime periods.

However, the residents of Colin Avenue, between Hillsdale Avenue West and Anderson Avenue, do support the proposed parking changes in order to provide for additional and longer parking opportunities.

During the course of our investigation, it was noted that some of the parking regulations represented in the field were not noted within the by-law. The approval of Recommendation 4 will serve to represent the parking regulations that are appropriately posted on the west side of Colin Avenue, between Chaplin Crescent and Hillsdale Avenue West.

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