Parking Amendments – Pleasant Boulevard

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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to introduce an "Accessible Loading Zone" to facilitate curb side access for Wheel-Trans vehicles fronting No. 39 Pleasant Boulevard and to implement an area of "No Standing Anytime" on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard. This will provide Wheel-Trans buses with a convenient pick-up/drop-off location fronting the Corbin Professional Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the "one-hour maximum parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily" on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard, from a point 97.5 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 106.7 metres further east.

2. City Council rescind the "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard, from a point 204.2 metres east of Yonge Street to Avoca Avenue.

3. City Council approve the implementation of an "Accessible Loading Zone", on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard, from a point 120 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 21 metres further east.

4. City Council approve the implementation of a "No Parking from Monday to Saturday" regulation on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard, from a point 97.5 metres east of Yonge Street, to a point 22.5 metres further east and from a point 141 metres east of Yonge Street, to a point 55.5 metres further east.
5. City Council approve the implementation of a "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard, from a point 196.5 metres east of Yonge Street to Avoca Avenue.

6. City Council approve a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h on Pleasant Boulevard.

**Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $1,500.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of the Corbin Professional Centre (No. 39 Pleasant Boulevard) and in consultation with Councillor Josh Matlow, Transportation Services reviewed a request for the implementation of an on-street "Accessible Loading Zone" fronting their medical building, as a means to provide pick-up/drop-off opportunities for Wheel-Trans vehicles and for other motorists who display accessible parking permits.

Additionally, at the request of Councillor Josh Matlow on behalf of residents of Pleasant Boulevard, Transportation Services reviewed a request for the implementation of a "No Standing Anytime" regulation along the south side of the narrower section of Pleasant Boulevard, as a means to improve two-way traffic operation and heavy vehicle access to/from the Sobey's delivery docks and the condominium garbage pick-up area.

**COMMENTS**

Pleasant Boulevard, between Yonge Street and Avoca Avenue, operates two-way on a variable pavement width of 7.3 to 10.8 metres. There is TTC service on Pleasant Boulevard.

The following parking regulations are signed in the field on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard:

- Stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Yonge Street to a point 97.5 metres further east;

- Parking is prohibited at anytime from Yonge Street to a point 97.5 metres further east;

- Parking is prohibited from Monday to Saturday from a point 97.5 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 106.7 metres further east (however, the existing by-law states that parking is permitted for a maximum period of one-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily); and

- Parking is prohibited at anytime, from a point 204.2 metres east of Yonge Street, to Avoca Avenue.
Representatives of the Corbin Professional Centre indicated that many of the patients, who frequent their facility, do so via Wheel-Trans pick-ups and drop-offs. This activity is frequently difficult for the Wheel-Trans drivers and the patients due to the presence of parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by these vehicles, the Wheel-Trans vehicle must "double-park" in front of the medical building often impeding the flow of vehicular traffic. It was revealed during our investigation that every vehicle that parked on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard within the "No Parking" zone displayed an accessible parking permit. As a means to alleviate this problem and provide a safe and convenient access to the medical building for patients being picked-up/dropped-off by Wheel-Trans vehicles, an on-street "Accessible Loading Zone" should be approved fronting No. 39 Pleasant Boulevard. The zone could also be used by any motorist displaying a valid "accessible parking permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person.

Transportation Services also investigated a request from residents to implement a "No Standing Anytime" regulation on the south side of Pleasant Boulevard, between No. 79 Pleasant Boulevard and Avoca Avenue. This section of Pleasant Boulevard operates on a width of 7.3 metres and the north side of the roadway consists of driveways for the Sobey's delivery docks and for a condominium.

Although the south side of this section of Pleasant Boulevard is signed as "No Parking Anytime" motorists displaying accessible parking permits are legally parking opposite these driveways. This parking, in combination with the narrowed roadway, two-way traffic flow, including TTC bus route travel and trucks entering/exiting the Sobey's docks, sometimes impacts traffic flow and makes it difficult for the delivery and garbage trucks exiting the driveways. As a means to improve safety in the vicinity of the north side driveways and along the entire narrowed section of Pleasant Boulevard, we recommend that a "No Standing Anytime" regulation be implemented on the south side, from No. 79 Pleasant Boulevard to Avoca Road.
During the course of our investigation it was noted that there are discrepancies between the posted signs and the by-law for both parking regulations and the speed limit. The recommendation in this report will correct these discrepancies.

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