



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Amendment to Subsection 179-7 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority, and Other By-laws

<b>Date:</b>	June 5, 2013
<b>To:</b>	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
<b>From:</b>	President, The Toronto Parking Authority
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

This report recommends an amendment to Subsection 179-7 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority. The requested amendment is a minor adjustment to the current delegated authority to the Toronto Parking Authority, at on-street paid parking locations within the time periods that parking is permitted at such locations, to also encompass the maximum parking period, that is the duration for which parking is allowed, subject to agreement from the City Councillor in whose ward the changes are proposed. This report also requests delegated authority to the City Solicitor to process amendments to City by-laws regulating on-street parking meters and machines to incorporate changes to the maximum parking period. This request is consistent with the existing delegated authority to change the rates and operating hours at the meters and machines as set out in Chapter 179.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **The President of the Toronto Parking Authority recommends that:**

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority, to provide the Toronto Parking Authority with standing authority, at on-street paid parking locations within the time periods that parking is permitted at such locations, to amend the maximum parking period, subject to the agreement of the local Ward Councillor.
2. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority, to provide the City Solicitor with standing authority to process amendments to City by-laws regulating on-street parking meters and parking machines to incorporate the change to the maximum parking period, on certification to the City Solicitor by the President of the Toronto Parking Authority that the change to the maximum parking period is in accordance with the criteria set out in Recommendation 1.
3. City Council amend the necessary City of Toronto by-laws to exempt parking meter and machine locations, where the maximum parking period is greater than three hours, from the general three-hour maximum parking period.

### **Financial Impact**

These changes, if fully implemented, will not result in any financial impact.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In July of 1999, Toronto City Council amended Subsection 179-7 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority, to delegate authority to adjust rates at on-street metered locations without the requirement to report through standing committees of Council.

In April of 2011, Toronto City Council also delegated authority to the Toronto Parking Authority to change the operating hours of metered/machined parking.

The delegated authority is subject to the following restrictions:

1. the rate cannot exceed \$4.00 per hour (inclusive of HST),
2. the Toronto Parking Authority is required to have the proposed change approved by the Councillor(s) in whose ward(s) the change would occur, and
3. where there is an extension of parking meter or parking machine hours of operation being proposed, the Toronto Parking Authority is required to have the proposed change reviewed and agreed to by the General Manager of Transportation Services.

This delegated authority, while used only occasionally, has proven to be a useful device for small-scale management of on-street metered parking to best provide for high service levels in the city's commercial neighbourhoods in a timely and efficient manner.

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## **COMMENTS**

The requested amendment to Subsection 179-7 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 179, Parking Authority, logically extends the already-delegated authority to also allow changes to be made to maximum parking periods, that is the duration for which parking is allowed, with the consent of the impacted Ward Councillor. This will further enable the ability of the Parking Authority to effectively manage the on-street metered/machined parking at the local scale to provide the highest possible customer service levels. It is noted that any changes to the maximum parking period would be undertaken within the time period(s) that metered or machine parking is already in operation on-street at the given location.

As there is a general provision prohibiting parking for a period of more than three hours in effect throughout the City, an exemption to the three-hour maximum parking limit is required in order to allow for maximum parking periods greater than three hours at certain parking meter/machine locations.

The proposed changes have been discussed with Transportation Services' staff and they are in concurrence with the recommendations.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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