

Parking – King Street East

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to introduce pay-and-display parking on King Street East, between Sherbourne Street and Parliament Street, during the morning and afternoon weekday peak periods in the off-peak directions.

Traffic operations and TTC streetcar service along King Street East may experience some increased delay due to the change in the parking regulations but the introduction of pay-and-display parking will provide additional parking opportunities for area businesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the regulations outlined in Appendix A, attached to the September 20, 2012 report entitled "Parking – King Street East", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. City Council enact the regulations outlined in Appendix B, attached to the September 20, 2012 report entitled "Parking – King Street East", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost for adjusting parking signs is \$3,000.00. Funds have been allocated for this within the Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget. Modifications to the pay-and-display parking machines will cost approximately 2,500.00. Funds for this work are allocated within the Toronto Parking Authority 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has investigated a request from area businesses through Councillor Pam McConnell to establish weekday afternoon peak period pay-and-display parking on the north side of King Street East, between Sherbourne Street and Parliament Street.

COMMENTS

Parking is provided on both sides of King Street East, between Jarvis Street and Parliament Street, except 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, when "Stopping" is prohibited. Pay-and-display parking operates between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, with parking otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours. Parking is also provided on both sides of King Street East, east of Parliament Street, with the exception of the north side between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and the south side between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, when "Stopping" is prohibited. Streetcars operate in the "Reserved" median lanes on King Street East.

To better accommodate the parking demands in the area during the peak periods, area businesses, through Councillor McConnell, have requested the implementation of pay-and-display parking on the north side of King Street East, during the weekday afternoon peak period (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday). The following table summarizes the average traffic volumes in vehicles per hour on this section of King Street East:

Direction	AM	Off-peak	PM
EB (south side)	250	250	550
WB (north side)	500	300	325

Traffic volumes during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods in the off-peak direction are similar to those volumes during the off-peak periods when parking is permitted.

Based on these traffic volumes, it is feasible to establish pay-and-display parking on the north side of King Street East during the weekday afternoon peak period. Furthermore, pay-and-display parking could be allowed on the south side during the weekday morning peak period. Similar parking regulations are already in place east of Parliament Street.

During the course of our investigation, we noticed inconsistencies between the by-laws and the regulations posted on the south side of King Street East, between Jarvis Street and Parliament Street. We reviewed the inconsistencies and have included recommendations within this report that bring the traffic regulations in line with what is signed on-street. One example is the stopping prohibition in place on the south side of King Street East, between Jarvis Street and Parliament Street, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This is signed on street, but not currently by-lawed.

TTC COMMENTS

TTC is opposed to permitting any parking on King Street East, between Parliament Street and Sherbourne Street, during the peak periods as it would negatively impact the 504 King streetcar route, TTC's busiest surface transit route which provides very frequent service and carries over 56,700 passengers each weekday. During the weekday morning peak period 31 streetcars an hour operate on King Street while in the weekday afternoon peak period there are 21 streetcars per hour. This translates to a streetcar every 116 seconds in each direction during the weekday morning peak period and every 170 seconds during the weekday afternoon peak period.

The two median lanes on King Street East, between Parliament Street and Sherbourne Street, are designated as reserved streetcar lanes from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. If parking is allowed in the eastbound curb lane during the weekday morning peak period and in the westbound curb lane during the weekday afternoon peak period, the reserved streetcar lanes would have to be removed and be made available for all traffic.

Notwithstanding this, Councillor McConnell has requested that Transportation Services report to Toronto and East York Community Council.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing Nos. 421G-0836 and 421G-0837 dated September 2012
- (2) Appendix "A" - Regulations to be Rescinded
- (3) Appendix "B" - Regulations to be Enacted

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