Parking Regulations – Shaw Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Mike Layton to implement changes to the parking regulations on Shaw Street, between King Street West and Douro Street. The proposed changes will result in additional parking opportunities for visitors and area businesses and will address potential sightline obstructions and safety concerns for residents using a private driveway on the east side of Shaw Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on both sides of Shaw Street, between Douro Street and King Street West.

2. Implement a "No Standing, Anytime" regulation on the east side of Shaw Street, between King Street West and a point 43.2 metres south.

3. Implement a "ten-minute maximum parking, at all times" regulation on the east side of Shaw Street, between a point 43.2 metres south of King Street West and a point 17.3 metres north of Douro Street.

4. Implement a "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on the east side of Shaw Street, between Douro Street and a point 17.3 metres north.
Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $800.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from Councillor Mike Layton to modify the parking regulations on Shaw Street to provide parking opportunities for area businesses and improve sightlines for residents using a driveway on the east side of Shaw Street.

COMMENTS
Shaw Street, between King Street West and Douro Street, is a two-way collector roadway. It has a speed limit of 50 km/h and a pavement width of about 14 metres. This section of Shaw Street is about 75 metres in length and is controlled at King Street West by traffic control signals and at Douro Street by all-way "Stop" sign control. There is no TTC service provided on this section of Shaw Street. Parking is prohibited all times on both sides of Shaw Street.

The land use in this area is mixed, comprised of condominium buildings with ground floor retail along King Street West. On this section of Shaw Street, there is a two-way driveway to Nos. 1 Shaw Street and 1005 King Street West. This driveway is located on the east side about 30 metres south of King Street West. There are no other driveways on the east or west sides of this section of Shaw Street.

The following concerns have been reported on this section of Shaw Street:

- The business on the southeast corner of King Street West and Shaw Street ("Starbucks") reports that there is no on-street parking in the area for their customers. It was requested that the existing "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on Shaw Street be rescinded to provide parking opportunities. An Opinion Letter in support of this request was submitted by a traffic consultant on behalf of this business. The consultant indicated that parking could be provided without negatively impacting the operations of Shaw Street; and

- The residents at Nos. 1 Shaw Street and 1005 King Street West have reported that illegally parked vehicles on Shaw Street in the vicinity of their driveway are a potential safety concern. They report that parked vehicles reduce sightlines and make it difficult for motorists entering and exiting the driveway. This matter has previously been referred to the Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit. However, it does not appear that the requested enforcement has resolved the resident's concerns.

Field observations have confirmed illegal parking on both sides of Shaw Street during the weekday morning peak period. Generally, these vehicles did not appear to negatively impact the flow of traffic on Shaw Street. The pavement width on Shaw Street is wide.
enough to allow parking in both curb lanes and a lane of through traffic in each direction. However, it is acknowledged that allowing on-street parking on Shaw Street does not address the resident’s safety concerns.

Therefore, as a compromise for all parties, the following proposed parking regulations have been agreed to in consultation with Councillor Layton’s office:

- A "No Standing, Anytime", regulation will replace the "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on the east side of Shaw Street, between King Street West and a point one car length south of the driveway to Nos. 1 Shaw Street and 1005 King Street West. This change will provide a more stringent regulation to discourage motorists from parking illegally;

- South of the above-noted "No Standing, Anytime" regulation, a "ten-minute maximum parking, at all times" regulation will be implemented on Shaw Street. This will provide short-term parking opportunities for about three vehicles. By providing a legal alternative for motorists to park, it should further discourage motorists from parking in the vicinity of the driveway; and

- The existing "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on the west side of Shaw Street will be rescinded, except for the statutory corner prohibitions at King Street West (30.5 metres) and Douro Street (15 metres). The remaining mid-block section will operate with an unsigned, statutory three-hour time limit parking regulation. This section will provide long-term parking opportunities for about five vehicles.

The proposed parking regulations will provide a balanced operation for all road users without negatively impacting the flow of traffic on Shaw Street.

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