



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Adjustments and Heavy Truck Prohibitions – Homewood Avenue and Lourdes Lane

Date:	January 23, 2013
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre – Rosedale, Ward 27
Reference Number:	Ts2013042te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement pay-and-display parking and prohibit heavy trucks on Homewood Avenue, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane, as well as prohibit heavy trucks on Lourdes Lane, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Enact "pay-and-display" parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.25 per hour, on the west side of Homewood Avenue, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane.
2. Prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Homewood Avenue, from a point 55 metres south of Lourdes Lane to a point 12 metres further south.
3. Prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Homewood Avenue, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane.

4. Prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Lourdes Lane, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$800.00 are contained within the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget. The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the funds required to install pay-and-display parking machines and related signage on this section of Homewood Avenue are available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2013 Pay-and-Display Machines Installation Program.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, on behalf of area residents, has requested Transportation Services to review the feasibility of allowing pay-and-display parking on Homewood Avenue, between Lourdes Lane and Wellesley Street East, to help deter long-term parking on this street and help generate parking turnover. Stopping will also be prohibited at all times, south of the driveway that services No. 120 Homewood Avenue, in order to improve sight-lines for all road users.

Transportation Services was also requested to prohibit heavy trucks at all times of the day on Homewood Avenue, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane, and on Lourdes Lane, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place, to help provide for a safer pedestrian environment and reduce noise associated with truck traffic in the area.

COMMENTS

Homewood Avenue operates two-way, north-south, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane, with a pavement width of 7.5 metres and a speed limit of 50 km/h. Lourdes Lane, operates two-way, east-west, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place, with a pavement width of 6.9 metres and a speed limit of 50 km/h. There is no TTC transit service on Homewood Avenue on Lourdes Lane.

A lay-by is located on the east side of Homewood Avenue approximately 15 metres north of Wellesley Street East for loading and unloading of passengers. On the west side of Homewood Avenue, there is an access garage and turn-around facility 55 metres south of Lourdes Lane that services No. 120 Homewood Avenue. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on this section of Homewood Avenue:

West Side:

- Parking is available for a maximum period of three hours.
- Standing is prohibited at all times 15 metres north of Wellesley Street East to ensure safe turning movements for vehicles at the intersection.
- Standing is also prohibited at all times fronting the main pedestrian entrance to No. 120 Homewood Avenue to allow for pick-up and drop-off of passengers.

East Side:

- Parking is prohibited at all times.
- Standing is prohibited at all times within the existing lay-by to allow for pick-up and drop-off of passengers at No. 160 Wellesley Street East.
- Stopping is prohibited at all times opposite the access garage and turn-around facility that services No. 120 Homewood Avenue, to allow easier access for delivery and maintenance vehicles.

The proposed parking regulations for Homewood Avenue, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane, are shown in the attached Drawing No. 421G-0973, dated January 2013. The parking proposal for this section of Homewood Avenue should help deter long-term parking, promote parking turnover and improve sight-lines in the vicinity of the driveway entrance to No. 120 Homewood Avenue for all road users. Approximately two on-street parking spaces will be eliminated as a result of the proposed parking adjustments.

Also, it is feasible to prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Homewood Avenue, between Wellesley Street East and Lourdes Lane, and on Lourdes Lane, between Sherbourne Street and Wellesley Place. Wellesley Place already has a heavy truck prohibition currently in place. This prohibition will help reduce truck traffic and the associated noise generated by these vehicles. However, trucks making local pick-ups or deliveries on these streets would be exempt from the prohibition.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0973, dated January 2013

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