

Stopping Prohibitions – St. Clair Avenue East

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting authority from City Council to implement “No Stopping regulations on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, in the vicinity of Ferndale Avenue and Avoca Avenue.

The implementation of the proposed stopping regulations will improve westbound traffic flow on St. Clair Avenue East, during the morning and afternoon peak periods and ensure that parking does not take place in the vicinity of the signalized intersection of Avoca Avenue and St. Clair Avenue East. These regulations will improve visibility for motorists exiting Avoca Avenue, reduce congestion, and improve westbound traffic flow on St. Clair Avenue East.

RECOMMENDATIONS**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the existing “No Parking regulation in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to Avoca Avenue.
2. City Council prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west of Avoca Avenue.
3. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from Avoca Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west.

4. City Council prohibit parking from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west of Avoca Avenue.
5. City Council prohibit parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west of Avoca Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$800.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In consultation with Councillor Josh Matlow, Transportation Services has investigated implementing “No Stopping” regulations on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, between Ferndale Avenue and Avoca Avenue, as a means to reduce congestion and improve the flow of westbound traffic on St. Clair Avenue East.

COMMENTS

St. Clair Avenue East, between Ferndale Avenue and Avoca Avenue, is a four-lane arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic flow of approximately 23,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. The intersections of St. Clair Avenue East and Ferndale Avenue and St. Clair Avenue East and Avoca Avenue are both controlled by traffic signals. The “512-St.Clair” street cars exit onto St. Clair Avenue East at the Ferndale Avenue signal and proceed westward.

The parking regulations on the north side of this section of St. Clair Avenue East, are as follows:

- “No Stopping Anytime” from Ferndale Avenue to a point 30.5 metres further east; and
- “No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily” from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to Avoca Avenue.

Observations

The existing 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, parking regulation in operation on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to Avoca Avenue does not prohibit motorists who are in the process of making deliveries, or the holders of accessible parking permits from parking within this section of roadway. Our site visits to this location have revealed that as result of this parking regulation delivery vehicles, motorists displaying accessible parking permits and illegally parked motorists park within this curb space throughout the day, including both rush hour periods. The presence of these parked vehicles during the peak periods is impeding the

flow of westbound traffic by effectively reducing two lanes of traffic to one lane of traffic, creating an obstruction on this section of St. Clair Avenue East.

As a means to improve westbound traffic flow during the peak periods, a "No Stopping 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation should be introduced on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west of Avoca Avenue.

Our site visits also revealed that motorists are parking on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, within close proximity of the signalized intersection at Avoca Avenue. In general, statutory parking regulations prohibit parking within 30.5 metres of a signalized intersection. The holders of accessible parking permits are not exempt from this prohibition, but this is not always clearly understood. Therefore, we recommend that the existing statutory signed "No Parking Anytime" regulation that operates on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from Avoca Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west, be replaced with a more stringent "No Stopping Anytime" regulation. Since persons with accessibility permits are not exempt from any stopping prohibition, this should resolve any confusion that might currently exist.

Conclusion

Transportation Services recommends the introduction of the above-noted stopping prohibitions on the north side of St. Clair Avenue East, from a point 30.5 metres east of Ferndale Avenue to Avoca Avenue. These regulations will improve the flow of westbound traffic during the peak periods, and will reduce the incidents of illegal parking that is occurring within the immediate vicinity of the traffic signals at Avoca Avenue.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-1048, dated April 2013

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