



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Parking Amendments – Heath Street West

<b>Date:</b>	October 15, 2013
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul's, Ward 22
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2013203te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

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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 is requesting approval to rescind the existing "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition and to implement a "One-hour maximum 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily" regulation on the south side of Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and Yonge Street. This parking proposal would allow parking to remain on the south side of Heath Street West during morning and afternoon peak periods as a means to provide a mild traffic calming effect, making the roadway less desirable for motorists that are using this route as a bypass to St. Clair Avenue West.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the "No Parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays" prohibition on the south side of Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and a point 91.4 metres west of Yonge Street.
2. Rescind the "One-hour maximum parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m." regulation on the south side of Heath Street West, from Yonge Street to Avenue Road.
3. Amend the existing "No Standing Anytime" regulation in effect on the south side of Heath Street West, from a point 45 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 46.4

metres further west, to operate on the south side of Heath Street West, from Yonge Street to a point 91.4 metres further west.

4. Restrict parking for a maximum period of one hour from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Heath Street West, from Avenue Road to a point 91.4 metres west of Yonge Street.

### **Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Councillor Josh Matlow, on behalf of residents of Heath Street West, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of rescinding the existing morning and afternoon parking prohibitions and implementing a one-hour maximum parking regulation during the daytime periods on the south side of Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and Yonge Street, as a means to slow down motorists' speeds and potentially decrease the volume of traffic that is using the roadway during the morning and afternoon peak periods.

### **COMMENTS**

Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and Yonge Street, is a collector roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 7.3 metres and with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service on Heath Street West. The posted parking regulations on this street are as follows:

#### North Side

- Parking is prohibited at anytime.

#### South Side

- Parking is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from Avenue Road to a point 91.4 metres west of Yonge Street.
- Parking is prohibited from a point 48 metres east of Avenue Road to Oriole Road.
- Standing is prohibited anytime from Yonge Street to a point 91.4 metres further west.
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one hour, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daily.

The existing 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibitions on the south side of Heath Street West provide a relatively wide expanse of roadway for the free flow operation of two-way traffic during the morning and afternoon peak periods. Residents have had ongoing concerns for years with the high volumes of traffic and the speed of some of the motorists using the roadway during these

periods. As a result, residents have requested that the existing parking prohibitions be removed and that parking be allowed to operate at all times on the south side of Heath Street West.

The existing 7.3-metre pavement width on Heath Street West is wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic flow and parking during all periods. However, when parking is allowed on the south side of Heath Street West during the off-peak periods, the driven portion of the roadway is narrowed to a pavement width of approximately 5.3 metres. There have not been any problems reported as a result of vehicles parked during the off-peak periods on the south side of Heath Street West. By removing the existing "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" parking prohibitions, it would narrow the driven portion of the roadway and lead to a reduction in traffic speeds. The mild traffic calming effect created by parked vehicles on the south side during the rush periods would not only decrease the speed of traffic, it could also potentially reduce the number of commuting motorists who find this route preferable to using St. Clair Avenue West.

Also, implementing a one-hour maximum parking regulation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, would enhance parking turnover.

During the course of our investigation, it was revealed that two former parking regulations no longer represented in the field were noted within the by-law. The approval of Recommendations No. 2 and No. 3 will serve to rectify these by-laws.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1230, dated October 2013

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