Parking Regulation Amendments – St. Clair Avenue West at McRoberts Avenue

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Ward: Ward 17 - Davenport
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to introduce amendments to the parking regulations on St. Clair Avenue West at McRoberts Avenue.

The proposed parking regulation amendments will serve to improve traffic operations within the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and McRoberts Avenue, by preventing motorists with accessible permits parking on the north side of the road and impeding traffic flow. This recommendation has been discussed with the area Councillor.

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on St. Clair Avenue West, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, between McRoberts Avenue and a point 15 metres further east and a point 9 metres further west.

2. Enacting a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, between McRoberts Avenue and a point 15 metres further east and a point 9 metres further west.

Financial Impact

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ISSUE BACKGROUND
At a Police Community Partnership meeting on April 3, 2014, with Toronto Police, the area Councillor and area residents, it was reported by local residents that motorists have difficulties turning from McRoberts Avenue due to motorists with accessible permits parking on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West, east and west of McRoberts Avenue. Transportation Services staff investigated the concern and suggest amending the by-law from "No Parking Anytime" to "No Stopping Anytime" on St. Clair Avenue West from McRoberts Avenue to a point 15 metres further east and a point 9 metres further west to improve traffic flow. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS
St. Clair Avenue West, between Lansdowne Avenue and Caledonia Road, is a major arterial road with predominantly commercial land uses. Stopping is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West in the vicinity of McRoberts Avenue. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West 15 metres east of McRoberts Avenue and 9 metres west of McRoberts Avenue. "Pay-and-Display Parking" is in effect on the north of St. Clair Avenue West, between Lansdowne Avenue and Caledonia Road. Permit Parking is not in effect and parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times.

McRoberts Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and the first lane north of St. Clair Avenue West, is a local road with some commercial land uses on both sides of the street north of St. Clair Avenue West. Stopping is prohibited at anytime on the east side of McRoberts Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 43 metres further north. Stopping is prohibited at anytime on the west side of McRoberts Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 19 metres further north and from a point 37 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 6 metres further north. "Pay-and-Display Parking" is in effect on the west side of McRoberts Avenue, from a point 19 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 18 metres further north.

During our review of the parking on the street, we observed illegal parking as well as motorists with accessible permits parked on the north side of St. Clair Avenue West on either side of McRoberts Avenue impeding traffic flow and sightlines.

To improve compliance, Transportation Services staff can support an amendment of the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation to change this to a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on north side of St. Clair Avenue West, between McRoberts Avenue and a point 15 metres further east and a point 9 metres further west.

The recommendations to amend the existing regulation on St. Clair Avenue West will provide better sightlines for motorists exiting from McRoberts Avenue and improve traffic operation. Motorists with accessible permits are not allowed to park in areas posted as "No Stopping Anytime".

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ATTACHMENTS
Attachment 1     Map