

City Council

Notice of Motion

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"Parking Stall" - Report on Outstanding Council requests on Parking-related matters - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** City Council on May 6, 7 and 8, 2014 waived referral of this Motion. City Council subsequently deferred this Motion to the June 10 and 11, 2014 meeting.*

** This Motion is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to bring forward a report addressing outstanding Council requests on parking-related matters, including Item PW20.9.
2. City Council request the City Manager to discuss the Operational Guidelines with the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board to establish an operational grace period that aligns with the City's established cancellation policies for alternate-side parking.
3. City Council request the Treasurer and the General Manager, Transportation Services to improve the City of Toronto website to make clear the cancellation guidelines and ensure that residents are warned prior to completing their electronic payment that the ticket can be cancelled.

Summary

Many residents in the older neighbourhoods of Toronto do not have driveways and rely on street permit parking for their vehicles. Over this term, Council has passed a number of motions to simplify the experience for residents parking on their streets and in pay-and-display areas. Some of those motions have resulted in successful programs, such as the weekender and overnight temporary permit.

Unfortunately, other parking reforms have stalled. Council has requested that the Toronto Police Service extend its operational grace period on switchover day for alternate side parking from 9:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. - 12:01 p.m., providing residents with an additional 3 hours to complete the changes. While Toronto Police Service's Parking Enforcement has not changed its operation guidelines to reflect this reasonable policy change, the City has a policy to cancel these tickets upon request.

Upon the City's request, Parking Enforcement honoured a 15-day grace period from April 1-15, 2014 for alternate side parking due to the late thaw this year. It would reason that honouring a 3-hour extension of the grace period for switchover day should not be entangled in red tape.

On December 6, 2012 Council requested a report on establishing a 20-minute grace period for residents to unload their vehicles in front of their homes when no parking is available. Despite the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee requesting the General Manager for Transportation Services to prepare a report at its January 23, 2013 meeting, no report has yet come forward.

Residents should not be continually penalized by a system that makes parking harder than it has to be.

(Submitted to City Council on June 10 and 11, 2014 as MM52.1)

Background Information (City Council)

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