Parking Prohibition – Montclair Avenue

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SUMMARY

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.

At the request of residents of Montclair Avenue, in consultation with Councillor Josh Matlow, Transportation Services was requested to review the feasibility of implementing a "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" parking prohibition on the north side of Montclair Avenue, between Spadina Road and the east end of Montclair Avenue, to help maintain an unobstructed two-way traffic flow on this section of roadway for all road users.

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

1. Rescind the existing "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" parking prohibition on the north side of Montclair Avenue, from Spadina Road to the east end of Montclair Avenue.

2. Rescind the existing "1-hour maximum parking, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the north side of Montclair Avenue, from Spadina Road to the east end of Montclair Avenue.

3. Prohibit parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Montclair Avenue, from Spadina Road to the east end of Montclair Avenue.
Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $500.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2014 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Josh Matlow, on behalf of the residents of Montclair Avenue, to investigate and report on establishing a "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" parking regulation on the north side of Montclair Avenue, east of Spadina Road, as a means to enhance safety by providing unobstructed two-way traffic flow.

COMMENTS
Montclair Avenue, between Spadina Road and the east end of Montclair Avenue, is classified as a local residential roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 6.4 metres and with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service on this roadway.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Montclair Avenue, between Spadina Road and the east end of Montclair Avenue:

North side:
- No Stopping Anytime, from Spadina Road to a point 9 metres further east;
- No Parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday; and
- 1-hour maximum parking, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

South side:
- No Stopping Anytime, from Spadina Road to a point 9 metres further east; and
- No Parking Anytime.

The residents of Montclair Avenue, by way of a petition, have strongly indicated that they are in favour of having a prohibited parking regulation implemented on the north side of the roadway, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, as a means to improve two-way traffic flow, improve safety, enhance snow clearing and street cleaning operations. As this section of Montclair Avenue is approximately 6.4 metres wide, and is reduced to approximately 4.4 metres wide in conjunction with parking, this section of roadway is further narrowed in the winter months with the addition of snow and windrows. Under current conditions, drivers must manoeuvre around on-coming traffic, resulting in potential conflicts. The residents have also indicated that vehicles parked on the north side make it difficult for motorists on the south side to safely exit their driveways, especially during the winter when snow banks occupy a portion of the roadway.
Additionally, the residents of this section of Montclair Avenue have indicated their concerns with respect to the high levels of commercial parking that is taking place on the street by motorists who are patronizing the local businesses within the nearby Spadina Village. As the majority of these vehicles are motorists visiting area businesses and not the residents themselves, Montclair Avenue remains busy throughout the weekday with motorists continually looking for parking and pulling in and out of resident's driveways to turn around.

Introducing a "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" parking prohibition on the north side of Montclair Avenue, from Spadina Road to the east end of Montclair Avenue, will help to maintain unobstructed two-way traffic flow in this vicinity for all road users. The residents have indicated that they have sufficient driveway space to accommodate their own vehicles, household service vehicles and vehicles related to visits from friends and family during weekday day-time periods. At other times they would like to maintain parking on the north side.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-1288, dated December 2013