Standing Prohibition – Commissioners Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
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SUMMARY
Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to prohibit standing on the north side of Commissioner Street, between a point 186 metres east of Carlaw Avenue and a point 15 metres further east. The prohibition will enhance sight lines for drivers exiting the Toronto Hydro parking garage driveway, it will however result in the loss of one parking space.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit standing on the north side of Commissioners Street between a point 186 metres east of Carlaw Avenue and a point 15 metres further east.

Financial Impact
Funding for the installation of standing prohibition signs in the estimated amount of $500.00 is available within the Transportation Services 2015 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Paula Fletcher, investigated a request from Toronto Hydro to enhance sight lines on Commissioners Street at the driveway exit for their parking garage.

COMMENTS
Commissioners Street is a four-lane 21 metre wide collector road operating two-way between Cherry Street and Leslie Street. Parking is generally allowed on both sides of the street for a maximum period of three-hours. The TTC operates a bus service along Commissioners Street.
The driveway to the Toronto Hydro parking garage at No. 500 Commissioners Street intersects with the north side of Commissioners Street. When a vehicle is parked on the north side of the street immediately east of the driveway, sight lines for motorists exiting the driveway are obstructed. As a result, a driver must encroach into westbound traffic, creating a potentially hazardous situation. Westbound motorists on Commissioners Street also have reduced visibility of vehicles exiting the driveway.

To improve sight lines and enhance safety, a standing prohibition could be implemented on the north side of Commissioners Street, between the driveway and a point five metres east. This would result in the loss of one on-street parking space.

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