January 12, 2015

Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen St W
Toronto M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

NEW BUSINESS: Parking Amendments on the West Side of Yonge Street, between Woodlawn Avenue West and Birch Avenue

Background:

In July 2013, Council approved TE25.79: Parking Amendments - Yonge Street, between Crescent Road and Woodlawn Avenue, to permit off-peak Pay-and-Display parking on both sides of this section of Yonge Street on weekday evenings and weekends. These parking amendments largely pertain to Ward 27; however, a small section of the affected area on the west side of Yonge Street is located in Ward 22.

Immediately following the installation of Pay-and-Display parking signage in November 2014, I received a significant amount of correspondence from my constituents all of whom are opposed to the new parking provisions. Issues raised by residents include cycling safety hazards such as ‘dooring’, increased traffic congestion, sight line impediments and merchant parking on residential streets adjacent to Yonge in order to avoid Pay-and-Display parking fees.

It is very clear to me that many Ward 22 residents do not support this change. As a result, I believe it is important to reflect those residents’ concerns and take action by rescinding the parking amendments, where they directly impact that portion of Yonge Street within Ward 22.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council rescind the existing no stopping at all times on the west side of Yonge Street, between Birch Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue West, in effect 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays.

2. City Council rescind the existing no parking regulation on the west side of Yonge Street, between Woodlawn Avenue West and a point 35.4 metres south of Birch Avenue, from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
3. City Council rescind the existing Pay-and-Display parking on the west side of Yonge Street, between Woodlawn Avenue West and Birch Avenue, in effect 7:00 p.m. to Midnight, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to Midnight on Saturdays, and from 1:00 p.m. to Midnight on Sundays, for a maximum period of six hours at a rate of $2.50 per hour.

4. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Yonge Street, between Woodlawn Avenue West and a point 34.5 metres south of Birch Avenue.

5. City Council prohibit stopping on Yonge Street, between Woodlawn Avenue West and a point 34.5 metres south of Birch Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

6. City Council prohibit standing on Yonge Street, between Woodlawn Avenue West and a point 34.5 metres south of Birch Avenue from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Sincerely,

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