

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – Davisville Avenue

Date:	March 3, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to amend the parking regulations on Davisville Avenue, east of Mount Pleasant Road. These proposed changes will enhance traffic flow, reduce illegal parking and improve overall safety in the vicinity of the intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

- 1. City Council, rescind the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Davisville Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and a point 64 metres further east.
- 2. City Council rescind the existing "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the south side of Davisville Avenue, from Mt. Pleasant Road to a point 64 metres further east.
- 3. City Council, enact "No Stopping Anytime" on the south side of Davisville Avenue, from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 20 metres further east.
- 4. City Council, enact "No Standing Anytime" on the south side of Davisville Avenue, from a point 20 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road, to a point 44 metres further east.

5. City Council, prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turns, at all times, on Davisville Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Belle Ayre Boulevard.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Greenwood College School, in consultation with Councillor Josh Matlow, Transportation Services reviewed a request to implement various parking and operational regulations immediately east of Davisville Avenue, flanking Greenwood College School, as a means to enhance safety and reduce the illegal parking that has been taking place in the vicinity of the intersection.

COMMENTS

Davisville Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Belle Ayre Boulevard, operates two-way on a pavement width of 13.4 metres from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 60 metres further east, at which point the road width reduces to 8.5 metres. The posted speed limit on this section of Davisville Avenue is 40 km/h. Greenwood College School flanks the south side of Davisville Avenue, east of Mount Pleasant Road. Premises No. 250 Davisville Avenue, housing the Toronto Prep School, Goodlife Fitness and various other tenants, flanks the north side of Davisville Avenue east of Mount Pleasant Road.

The following parking regulations are posted on Davisville Avenue, in the vicinity of and east of Mount Pleasant Road:

North Side

- "No Standing, Anytime" from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 64 metres further east (for TTC bus access to curb).
- "No Parking, Anytime"

South Side

- "No Standing Anytime" from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 35.5 metres further east.
- "No Parking, Anytime" from a point 35.5 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road to a point 64 metres east of Mount Pleasant Road.
- "No Parking, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mon-Fri.", from a point 214 metres east of Yonge Street to Forsyth Crescent.

The statutory "No Standing" regulations that are posted east of Mount Pleasant Road, on both sides of Davisville Avenue, to facilitate TTC bus access to and from the transit stops, are not having the desired effect in keeping these locations free of parked vehicles. The "No Parking" regulation that operates along the remaining flankage of Greenwood College allows for both, passenger pick-up and drop-off, as well as, delivery of goods.

However, site visits confirmed that illegal parking is occurring along the flankages of Greenwood College, on the south side of Davisville Avenue and Premises No. 250, on the north side of Davisville Avenue, mostly during student the pick-up and drop-off periods for both Greenwood College and the Toronto Prep School. The existing "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" normally operated on the east side of the East Branch of Mount Pleasant Road, between Davisville Avenue and Balliol Street, along the frontage of Greenwood College was made unavailable during the Greenwood College expansion project for safety reasons. As a result, illegal parking on Davisville Avenue has become more prevalent.

In order to help reduce the illegal parking that is occurring on both sides of Davisville Avenue, east of Mount Pleasant Road, Transportation Services recommends that a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation be introduced along this location of Davisville Avenue.

Presently, parents picking up or dropping off children at Greenwood College and/or the Toronto Prep School often undertake U-turn movements within the vicinity of the schools. To discourage this practice and enhance safety for pedestrians and other road users, Transportation Services recommends prohibiting U-turns by eastbound and westbound traffic on Davisville Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Belle Ayre Boulevard.

The introduction of a U-turn prohibition and the proposed parking amendments on Davisville Avenue, just east of Mount Pleasant Road, will not only improve safety for pedestrians and motorists, will also provide a location further removed from the intersection where motorists may safely park momentarily while in the process of picking up and dropping off passengers.

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SIGNATURE

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1691, dated March 2015.