



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking regulations – Rushbrooke Avenue

Date:	May 26, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts2015103te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to rescind the alternate side parking regulations on Rushbrooke Avenue and maintain parking year-round on the west side of the street, and on small sections of the east side during the non-winter months. This is in order to facilitate the creation of "parking islands" at intervals along the east side of the street for parking permit holders only. The "parking islands" may slow traffic since they will narrow the travelled portion of the roadway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "A" attached to the report dated May 26, 2015 entitled, "Parking regulations – Rushbrooke Avenue", from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District; and
2. Enact the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "B" attached to the report dated May 26, 2015 entitled, "Parking Regulations – Rushbrooke Avenue", from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$2,500.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2015 Operating budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting on August 12, 2014 requested the General Manager, Transportation Services to prepare a report to alter the existing parking regulations on Rushbrooke Avenue to introduce parking islands to the street (Item 34.185). This is in order to address residents concerns with the availability of on-street parking.

COMMENTS

Rushbrooke Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East, is an 8.5 metre wide local road operating one-way northbound with a 30 km/h speed limit. There is no TTC service on Rushbrooke Avenue. The parking regulations on Rushbrooke Avenue are as follows:

East side:

- No parking anytime, from December 1st to March 31st (inclusive), 16th to end of each month, April 1st to November 30th;
- Parking by permit only, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- Three-hour maximum parking limit at other times (unsigned, statutory).

West side:

- No parking anytime, 1st to the 15th of each month, April 1st to November 30th;
- Parking by permit only, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- Three-hour maximum parking limit at other times (unsigned, statutory).

Rushbrooke Avenue has approximately 38 parking spaces on the east side of the street and 40 parking spaces on the west side.

It is feasible to implement "parking islands" on Rushbrooke Avenue. The key features of the "parking islands" concept are:

- parking is provided on one side of the road all year round;
- a few parking spaces, typically two, are provided on the opposite side of the road at intervals at least 36 metres apart with "no parking anytime" regulations in between (to provide emergency access);
- the "parking islands" are restricted to permit parking holders only;
- a minimum driving lane of 3.3 metres in width must be maintained;
- for one-way streets, at the access end of each block, "No Parking Anytime" corner restrictions shall be posted at 15 metres; and

- the parking islands are not in effect during the winter months (December 1 to March 31, inclusive) to allow for snow clearing operations.

In accordance with the above noted conditions, it is feasible to implement eight parking spaces at four separate parking islands on the east side of Rushbrooke Avenue as shown on attached Drawing No. 421G-1610. The eight parking spaces would be available to permit holders only from April 1st to November 30th.

To facilitate the creation of island parking it is necessary to rescind the existing alternate side parking on Rushbrooke Avenue. To maximize the number of parking spaces, continuous parking should be implemented on the west side of Rushbrooke Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and the lane south of Queen Street East. Between the lane and Queen Street East, more parking can be provided by allowing parking on the east side due to a driveway on the west side. The parking would be limited to the statutory unsigned maximum period of three-hours, with parking being restricted to residential permit holders only, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily.

With the proposed parking regulation changes and the resultant narrowing of the travelled portion of the roadway at the locations of the proposed "parking islands", it is anticipated that vehicle speeds will be marginally lower on Rushbrooke Avenue. However, with a narrower road there is more potential for side-swipe type collisions. Advance sight lines for motorists may also be reduced as a result of the parked vehicles on both sides of the roadway. Also, it should also be noted that rescinding the alternate side parking regulations may result in a reduced level of service for street cleaning.

Councillor Fletcher has been advised of this matter.

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Drawing No. 421G-1610, dated May 2015

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