



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Pay and Display Parking – Elizabeth Street

Date:	May 14, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
Reference Number:	Ts2015094te.top

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to implement "Pay and Display" parking on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and Walton Street in order to add much needed on-street parking opportunity in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing no parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. prohibition, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and Gerrard Street West;
2. City Council rescind the existing maximum two-hour parking in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, from a point 58 metres north of Gerrard Street West to a point 49 metres south of College Street;
3. City Council enact "Pay-and-Display" parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of \$4.00 per hour, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, from Elm Street to Walton Street;
4. City Council prohibit stopping at all times, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and a point 9 metres north;
5. City Council prohibit stopping at all times, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Walton Street and a point 9 metres south; and

6. City Council prohibit standing at all times, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Walton Street and Gerrard Street West.

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. The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the funds required to install "Pay-and- Display" parking machines on this section of Elizabeth Street are available in Toronto Parking Authority 2015 "Pay-and-Display" Machines Installation Program.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Parking Authority has requested that Transportation Services review the feasibility of allowing "Pay-and-Display" parking on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and Gerrard Street West to provide on-street parking opportunity in this area.

COMMENTS

Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and Gerrard Street West, is classified as a collector roadway that operates two-way (southbound and northbound), is approximately 11 metres wide and has a regulatory 50 km/h speed limit. This section of Elizabeth Street accommodates TTC 5B Bus Route. The following parking regulations are currently in effect:

East Side

- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., otherwise parking is allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours (Elm Street to Walton Street); and
- Parking is prohibited at all times (Walton Street to Gerrard Street West).

West Side

- Standing is prohibited at all times.

The proposed parking proposal for this section of Elizabeth Street is shown in the attached Drawing No. 421G-1787, dated May 2015. Transportation Services is recommending that the current no parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. parking restriction, on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and Walton Street, be removed and replaced with "Pay and Display" parking, that will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours.

Various field observations revealed that motorists currently park long term on the east side of Elizabeth Street, between Elm Street and Walton Street. This parking proposal should deter long term parking on this section of Elizabeth Street, promote parking turnover, and generate approximately 13 on-street parking spaces in this area where on-street parking is currently in high demand. Of note, in order to provide unobstructed

traffic flow and maintain clear corner site-lines, stopping will be prohibited at all times within 9 metres of the corners.

TTC service on this section of Elizabeth Street should not be negatively impacted by this parking proposal. Bus stops for the "5B Bus Route" are located on Gerrard Street West and on Elm Street. The roadway along this section of Elizabeth Street is 11 metres wide and is able to safely accommodate one-sided parking while maintaining unobstructed two-way traffic flow for all road users, including TTC buses.

The block between Walton Street and Gerrard Street West is 38 metres long and is too short to accommodate on-street parking, taking into consideration the following corner parking restrictions required:

- 30.5 metres south of the traffic control signals at Gerrard Street West
- 9 metres north of Walton Street.

In order to deter long-term parking and assure that the required corner parking restrictions are maintained within this block, standing will be prohibited at all times. Under this parking regulation, motorists cannot park but can load/unload passengers only.

The parking proposal was established in consultation with Toronto Parking Authority and Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam.

House-keeping Issues

The staff review also detected an inconsistency in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking regulation on Elizabeth Street. This inconsistency will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 2 of this report.

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