



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

No Stopping Anytime – Connaught Avenue

Date:	October 7, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches – East York, Ward 32
Reference Number:	Ts2015179te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a stopping prohibition adjacent to the driveway entrance/exit for the TTC Russell Streetcar Yard located on the west side of Connaught Avenue. The proposed changes will improve sight lines for streetcar operators exiting the driveway and will remove three overnight permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation in effect on the west side of Connaught Avenue, between Queen Street East and a point 50.3 metres south.
2. Approve a "No Stopping, Anytime" regulation, on the west side of Connaught Avenue, between Queen Street East and a point 53 metres south.
3. Rescind the existing "One-hour Maximum Parking, 8:00 p.m. of one day to 6:00 p.m. of the next following day" regulation on the west side of Connaught Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.

4. Approve parking for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the west side of Connaught Avenue, from a point 53 metres south of Queen Street East to a point 114 metres further south.
5. Rescind the existing "Permit Parking" regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the west side of Connaught Avenue, from Eastern Avenue to Queen Street East.
6. Approve parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily, on the west side of Connaught Avenue, to operate from a point 53 metres south of Queen Street East to a point 114 metres further south.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of signs are included within the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to investigate the feasibility of enhancing sight lines for streetcar operators exiting the driveway of the TTC Russell Streetcar Yard on Connaught Avenue. This is in order to accommodate the new light rail vehicles that will be using this driveway.

COMMENTS

Connaught Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, is a north/south collector road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Connaught Avenue operates two-way from Queen Street East to a point 97.5 metres south thereof and on-way southbound from a point 97.5 south of Queen Street East to Eastern Avenue with a pavement width of 7.4 metres and 12.2 meters, respectively. There is no TTC service provided on Connaught Avenue.

The driveway that services the TTC Russell Streetcar Yard is located on the west side of Connaught Avenue, approximately 30 metres south of Queen Street East. The parking regulations on the west side of Connaught Avenue are as follows:

- "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" between Queen Street East and a point 40 metres south;
- "One-hour Maximum Parking, 8:00 p.m. of one day to 6:00 p.m. of the next following day" between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue;
- "No Standing, Anytime" between Eastern Avenue and a point 20 metres north; and
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily" from Eastern Avenue to Queen Street East.

On the section of Connaught Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, there are a total of 30 permit parking spaces available and 19 permits have been issued.

A site investigation has verified that vehicles parked on the west side of Connaught Avenue, north of the TTC Russell Streetcar Yard driveway, obstruct the streetcar operator's sight lines of motorists travelling southbound on Connaught Avenue. It should be noted that on the new light rail vehicles, the streetcar operator sits lower than the previous streetcar models.

Additionally, TTC has advised that there are 25 streetcars exiting from TTC Russell Streetcar Yard onto Connaught Avenue between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 75 streetcars exiting between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

In view of the above, Transportation Services recommends implementing a "No Stopping, Anytime" regulation, on the west side of Connaught Avenue, between Queen Street East and a point 53 metres south, in order to improve sight lines and enhance safety. This would result in the loss of three permit parking spaces.

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-1895, dated September 2015

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