



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Parking Amendments – Fernwood Park Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	September 29, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches – East York, Ward 32
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2015184te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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This staff 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 and amend the existing angle parking arrangement at the south terminus of Fernwood Park Avenue in order to enhance access/egress to the Martin Goodman Trail and facilitate a turnaround area for vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the permitted angle parking at the south end of Fernwood Park Avenue.
2. Approve a no standing anytime regulation on Fernwood Park Avenue, from a point 73 metres south of Fir Avenue, to a point 12 metres further south.

**Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the installation of signs in the estimated amount of \$400.00 are contained in Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting on August 12, 2014 Toronto and East York Community Council referred the letter (August 12, 2014) from Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, respecting the "Request to Change Parking Restrictions on Fernwood Park Avenue", to the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, for a report to the Toronto and East York Community Council early in 2015.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

On August 12, 2014 Transportation Services was requested to rescind the parking prohibition to allow additional permit parking at the south terminus of Fernwood Park Avenue in order to address the residents' parking concerns. However, some residents have expressed a concern that parked vehicles often restrict access/egress to the Martin Goodman Trail and encumber turning around at the south end of the street.

As a result, Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, on behalf of residents, has requested Transportation Services to rescind the angle parking arrangement on the south terminus of Fernwood Park Avenue and prohibit parking at all times.

## **COMMENTS**

Fernwood Park Avenue, between Fir Avenue and its south end terminus is a local roadway operating two-way traffic with a pavement width of 6.4 metres and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Sidewalks are provided on both sides of the road. It should be noted that Balmy Beach Park and the Martin Goodman Trail are located at the south end of Fernwood Park Avenue. There is no Toronto Transit Service provide on Fernwood Avenue.

The current parking regulations on the above noted section of Fernwood Park Avenue are as follows:

- Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side; and
- Parking is allowed by permit only (at all times) on the west side of the street and at the south end.

Currently, angled parking is allowed for three vehicles within the cul-de-sac/turning basin at the south end of Fernwood Park Avenue. This section of the street is technically under the jurisdiction of Toronto Parks and Forestry.

Observations have found that this parking encumbers vehicles turning around as well as access/egress to the Martin Goodman Trail at the foot of the street.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the angle parking regulation on the south end of Fernwood Park Avenue be rescinded and standing be prohibited at all times. This will ensure that access/egress to the Martin Goodman Trail and traffic flow at the sound end of Fernwood Park Avenue will not be impeded.

Toronto Parks and Forestry have been consulted on this matter and have agreed to the posting of "No Standing" signage within the turning basin at the south end of Fernwood Park Avenue.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

1. Drawing No. 421G- 1921, dated October 2015

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