



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Traffic and Parking Amendments on Argyle Street

Date:	October 16, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Infrastructure Management
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 19 Trinity Spadina, Ward 18
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SUMMARY

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.

On April 24, 2014 Toronto and East York Community Council adopted TE32.52 "Contra-flow Bicycle Lanes on Argyle Street" which contained the majority of the traffic and parking bylaw amendments necessary to install a two-way cycling route on Argyle Street, between Gladstone Avenue and Shaw Street.

The purpose of this report is to obtain authority to amend additional traffic regulations that will allow for lawful two-way cycling traffic on Argyle Street for the full length of this corridor between Gladstone Avenue and Shaw Street. However, the section of Argyle Street between Ossington Avenue and Givins Street is too narrow to install a contra-flow bicycle lane without removing on-street parking, so it is recommended that the one-way street designation on this section of Argyle Street be rescinded, to allow it to operate as a two way street for bicycles.

In addition, this report clarifies that on Argyle Street between Dovercourt Road and Ossington Avenue, the on-street parking is to be located on the south side of Argyle, away from the contra-flow bicycle lane.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Infrastructure Management recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the traffic and parking regulations for Argyle Street as described in Appendix A – Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Rescinded
2. Enact the traffic and parking regulations for Argyle Street as described in Appendix B – Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Enacted, attached to the report (October 16, 2015) from the Director, Transportation Infrastructure Management.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations of this report. Funds are contained in the Transportation Services 2015 Approved Capital Budget in Cycling Infrastructure account CTP 815-05 to implement the recommendations of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto Community Council, at its meeting on May 13, 2014 adopted TE32.52 "Contra-flow Bicycle Lanes on Argyle Street". This report contained the majority of the traffic and parking bylaw amendments necessary to install a two-way cycling route on Argyle Street, between Gladstone Avenue and Shaw Street.

As a result of further consultation, this report recommends some further bylaw changes necessary to allow for lawful two-way cycling on all sections of Argyle Street cycling route without the removal of on-street parking.

COMMENTS

The sections of contra-flow bicycle lane on Argyle Street that have been approved, but have not yet been installed, are summarized in table 1 below.

Table 1 – Approved Contra-flow Bicycle Lanes

Street	Between	Shared lane travel direction	Contra-flow bicycle lane travel direction	On-Street Parking
Argyle Street	Shaw Street and Givins Street	Eastbound	Westbound	South side of Argyle Street
Argyle Street	Ossington Avenue and Dovercourt Road	Eastbound	Westbound	South side of Argyle Street
Argyle Street	Lisgar Street and Northcote Avenue	Westbound	Eastbound	North side of Argyle Street

The above listed sections of Argyle Street are wide enough to accommodate two-way cycling travel using contra-flow bicycle lanes while maintaining on-street parking.

However, the section between Givins Street and Ossington Avenue currently operates as a one-way street in the eastbound direction. Due to the fact that this section is only 6.2m in width there is insufficient space to install a 1.8m contra-flow bicycle lane, while also maintaining a 3m shared traffic lane and 2m for on-street parking.

The bylaw changes contained in this report recommend that the one-way street designation on this section of Argyle Street be rescinded, to allow it to operate as a two way street. It is recommended that the existing "no entry" to Argyle Street from Givins Street enacted with bylaw changes, with the addition of a provision to except bicycles. These changes will allow for westbound cyclists to lawfully travel on Argyle Street continuously, without the formal designation of a contra-flow bicycle lane in this section.

A northbound left turn prohibition at the intersection of Argyle Street and Argyle Place is also recommended to discourage motor vehicles from travelling westbound on Argyle Street, between Givins Street and Ossington Avenue.

The local councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix A – Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Rescinded
2. Appendix B – Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Enacted
3. Appendix C – Argyle St Location Plan

Appendix A
Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Rescinded

One-Way Highways

Highway	Between	Times and/or Days	Direction
Argyle Street	Ossington Avenue and Givins Street	Anytime	Eastbound

No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited times and/or Days
Argyle Street	North	Northcote Avenue and Lisgar Street	Anytime

No Parking

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited times and/or Days
Argyle Street	North	Dovercourt Road and Lisgar Street	16 th day to the last day of each month, inclusive
Argyle Street	South	Dovercourt Road and Lisgar Street	First day to 15 th of each month, inclusive
Argyle Street	North	A point 32 metres west of Dovercourt Road and Northcote Avenue	Anytime from December 1 one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive.
Argyle Street	South	Dovercourt Avenue to Ossington Avenue	Anytime

One-Way Highways

Highway	Between	Times and/or Days	Direction
Argyle Street	Ossington Avenue and Givins Street	Anytime	Eastbound

**Appendix B
Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Enacted**

No Entry (Bicycles Excepted)

From	To	Direction	Prohibited times and/or Days
Argyle Street East of Givins Street	Argyle Street West of Givins Street	Westbound	Anytime

Prohibit Right Turns (Bicycles Excepted)

From	To	Direction	Prohibited times and/or Days
Givins Street	Argyle Street	Westbound	Anytime

Prohibit Left Turns (Bicycles Excepted)

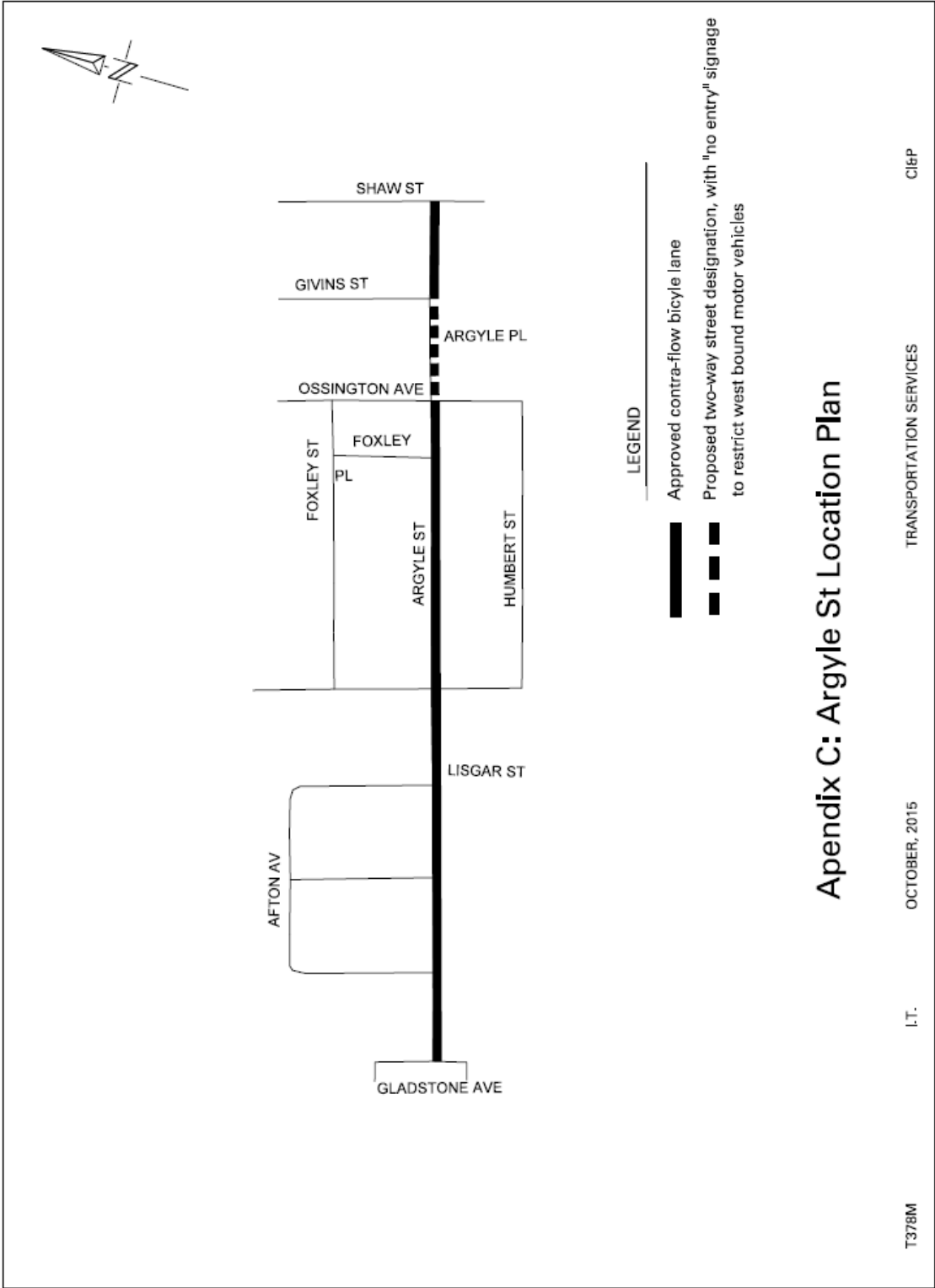
From	To	Direction	Prohibited times and/or Days
Argyle Place	Argyle Street	Westbound	

No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited times and/or Days
Argyle Street	South	Northcote Avenue and Lisgar Street	Anytime

No Parking

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited times and/or Days
Argyle Street	North	Dovercourt Road and Lisgar Street	16 th day to the last day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30 inclusive
Argyle Street	South	Dovercourt Road and Lisgar Street	First day to 15 th of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30 inclusive



Appendix C: Argyle St Location Plan