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REPORT FOR ACTION

Parking Machines – Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South

Date: October 3, 2016

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District

Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the installation of Parking Machines (Pay & Display) and to prohibit standing, from 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, on the south side of Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South. The proposed parking machines and standing prohibitions are in response to a request made by the area Councillor for staff to review the feasibility of introducing parking on the aforementioned section of Bloor Street West where standing is currently prohibited at all times. There is a Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) bus stop at this location that only services an overnight bus route, thus the existing standing prohibition is too restrictive.

As Bloor Street West is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. TTC staff has been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

- 1. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the south side of Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South, to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$2.25 per hour.
- 2. City Council prohibit standing from 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, on the south side of Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Toronto Parking Authority advises that the funding required for the installation of a new pay and display machine is available in the Toronto Parking Authority 2016 parking machine installation program.

The estimated cost for the amending the "No Standing" signage is \$300.00.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services were requested by the area Councillor, on behalf of the Kingsway BIA, to investigate the feasibility of allowing parking on the south side of Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Bloor Street West, in the area of Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South, is classified as a "major arterial" road with two through lanes in each direction. In addition, there are left-turns lanes on Bloor Street West at the intersections of Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South. A third eastbound lane exists along the south curb between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South which serves a TTC bus stop. This stop is part of the 300 Bloor-Danforth overnight bus route.

Standing is currently prohibited at all times on the south side of Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South. "Pay and Display" parking machines exists on both sides of Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South, south of Bloor Street West; and, on both sides of Bloor Street West, east of Brentwood Road South.

Given the high demand for parking in this commercial area, especially in the area of Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South, and the fact that the aforementioned TTC bus stop serves an overnight route only, the section of Bloor Street West on the south side between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Avenue South could be utilized for parking outside of the overnight bus route hours.

Based on the aforementioned, staff recommends the installation of parking machines on the south side of Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood Road South, to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$2.25 per hour. The proposed hours of operation and rate are consistent with the existing "Pay and Display" parking machines in this area.

In addition, staff recommends that existing signed "No Standing Anytime" regulation be changed to a "No Standing, from12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday; and, from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday" regulation.

Both TTC and Toronto Parking Authority staff have been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Bloor Street West between Thompson Avenue and Brentwood South)

