

Restricted Period Parking: Helendale Avenue

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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 seeking authority to amend the parking regulations on both sides of Helendale Avenue between Yonge Street and Edith Drive, to modify the current parking by-laws, in order to address concerns from The Toronto Police Service - Parking Enforcement Unit (TPS-PEU) regarding the discrepancy between existing by-laws and the on-street signage.

The amendments to the by-law will address the TPS-PEU concerns and provide the motorist parking on this roadway with clear signage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking limit from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue.
2. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between a point 68.6 metres west of Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue.

3. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between Yonge Street and a point 68.6 metres further west.
4. Authorize parking for a maximum period of one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between a point 98.6 metres west of Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue.
5. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Helendale Avenue from a point 68.6 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 98.6 metres west of Yonge Street.
6. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 1st day to the 15th day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, inclusive on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive.
7. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year, inclusive on the south side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive.
8. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 16th day to the last day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, inclusive on the south side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of the parking regulations are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by TPS-PEU to review the feasibility of amending the current parking regulations on Helendale Avenue, as the existing on-street signage do not correspond with the traffic by-laws for this section of roadway.

COMMENTS

Helendale Avenue is classified as a local road with an approximate pavement width of 8.5 metres and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road. This section of the roadway is approximately 400 metres in length and is controlled by stop control at the intersections of Helendale Avenue and Yonge Street, Helendale Avenue and Duplex Avenue, and Helendale Avenue and Edith Drive.

The current signed parking regulations on Helendale Avenue between Yonge Street and Edith Drive are as follows:

Yonge Street to Duplex Avenue

- Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Helendale Avenue, between Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue.
- One-hour parking is permitted from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between a point 98.6 metres west of Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue.
- Parking is prohibited from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., except by permit on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue.
- Metered parking is permitted on the north side of Helendale Avenue from Yonge Street to a point 68.6 metres west of Yonge Street.

Duplex Avenue to Edith Avenue

- Parking is prohibited from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., except by permit on both sides of the roadway.
- Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30.
- One-hour parking is permitted on the south side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year, and from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30.
- Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive, from Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year, and from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30.
- One-hour parking is permitted on the north side of Helendale Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Edith Drive, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from first day to the 15th day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30.

The current parking regulations were installed to discourage long term parking along Helendale Avenue. The Pay-and-Display parking area was created adjacent to the commercial areas near Yonge Street to provide parking for business patrons.

Staff observations have confirmed that there are several by-law entries that are not reflected by the on-street signage. The conflicting by-law entries has resulted in the enforcement and subsequent conviction of the parking regulations being canceled.

In addition to the by-law discrepancies, staff has noted that a section of roadway on the north side of Helendale Avenue from a point 68.6 metres west of Yonge Street a point 98.6 metres west of Yonge Street is unsigned. Due to the tight driveway spacing in this area parking is not feasible and as such the residents have installed their own signage to discourage parking and having their driveway blocked. Accordingly we would recommend that parking be prohibited at all times within this section of roadway.

Therefore, in order to eliminate any confusion for motorists and to ensure that there are no issues with regards to enforcement of the signage, the existing parking by-law entries that are no longer required should be rescinded.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Restricted Period Parking: Helendale Avenue