

Weekend Parking Prohibition: Laird Drive

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 26 – Don Valley West
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SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Laird Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting authority to prohibit parking on weekends on the west side of Laird Drive, between Millwood Road and McRae Drive.

The proposed parking prohibition will address concerns with traffic congestion on weekends. There is sufficient alternate on-street and off-street parking in the area to accommodate patrons of local businesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit parking on Saturdays and Sundays on the west side of Laird Drive, between Millwood Road and McRae Drive.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the parking amendments are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Jon Burnside to review the feasibility of prohibiting parking on weekends on the west side of Laird Drive, between Millwood Road and McRae Drive. This is in order to address concerns with traffic congestion on weekends caused by the increasing commercial land use in the area.

COMMENTS

Laird Drive is a four-lane north/south arterial roadway with a 50 km/h speed limit and regular TTC bus service. There are sidewalks on both sides of the road. On weekdays stopping is prohibited during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods on both sides of Laird Drive, between Millwood Road and McRae Drive.

On weekends parking is generally allowed for the unsigned three-hour limit on both sides of Laird Drive. Standing is prohibited in the vicinity of TTC stops and parking is prohibited within 30.5 metres of traffic control signals.

A parking survey revealed there are approximately 20 parking spaces on the west side of Laird Drive, between Millwood Road and McRae Drive. Observations revealed that these spaces are infrequently used. However when even a few vehicles are parked the entire southbound curb lane is obstructed. This situation results in southbound congestion on weekends when traffic on Laird Drive increases with motorists destined to the retail businesses on the east side of the road.

Prohibiting parking on the west side of Laird Drive, between Millwood Road and McRae Drive, would result in the southbound curb lane being available to through traffic and thereby reduce congestion on Laird Drive. There is sufficient alternate on-street and off-street parking in the area to accommodate patrons of local businesses.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Laird Drive Existing and Proposed Parking Prohibitions