

Extending the Parking Pad Moratorium to areas outside of the former City of Toronto – Interim Status Update

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To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From: Acting General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards: All
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an interim status update on the work completed to date to respond to Council's request of January 21, 2016 for a report from the General Manager, Transportation Services regarding the feasibility of "Extending the Parking Pad Moratorium to areas outside of the former City of Toronto."

In order to fully address the scope and complexity of the issues surrounding Front Yard Parking (FYP) in the City of Toronto, staff require additional time to ensure a comprehensive review of the matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

- 1) The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee defer consideration of the item until the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of December 8 and 9, 2015 City Council considered MM11.21, which recommended that City Council amend Section 918-5B of Municipal Code Chapter 918, Parking on Residential Front Yards and Boulevards, to extend the moratorium on front yard parking to all Wards in the City of Toronto, and City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bill to amend this and any other sections of the chapter as are necessary to be consistent with this moratorium. This item was referred to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for consideration. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.MM11.21>

At its meeting of January 21, 2016, the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee deferred consideration of item PW10.3 until the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, with the request that the General Manager, Transportation Services, report at that time on the feasibility of a City-wide prohibition on parking pads, such report to include:

1. A review of the current City of Toronto policy on parking pads as per Municipal Code Chapter 918, Parking on Residential Front Yards and Boulevards;
2. A review of the impact of parking pads, including, among other things, on the City of Toronto's natural environment and stormwater operations as well as the property values of residential homes;
3. An implementation plan with regard to how a prohibition on parking pads would be carried out, including estimated timelines and the associated staff, cost and other potential impacts; and
4. Undertake a review to identify a mechanism to bring unauthorized parking pad locations with existing legal ramps into compliance.

The Committee decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PW10.3>

COMMENTS

Front Yard Parking is often a contentious and divisive issue amongst residents and others. Over the years, specific amendments to the bylaw have been made to suit specific area characteristics. This has, in turn, resulted in a process that, despite attempts to harmonize the bylaw, still can be a challenge to understand. In view of this, staff are continuing to explore options for the improvement of the current process and potential impacts of any changes, which will require additional time to prepare.

Although considerable progress has been made in the preparation of the final report on this matter, there are a number of complex issues that remain to be fully addressed and can only be done so with the benefit of additional staff time. These include potential impacts to the zoning bylaw and potential changes to the Municipal Code.

Accordingly, staff recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, at which time a more comprehensive report will be brought forward.

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