



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments – St. Clair Avenue West

Date:	November 27, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts2016008te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval authority from City Council to implement a "No Stopping, Anytime" regulation on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, from Christie Street to a point 30.5 metres east.

The implementation of a stopping prohibition at this location will discourage motorists from parking in this area and will assist the 126 Christie bus in making a northbound right-turn without being impeded by parked vehicles. The proposed change will eliminate all curbside opportunities for loading and unloading passengers and goods at this location.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council approve a "No Stopping, Anytime", regulation on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, from Christie Street to a point 30.5 metres east of Christie Street.
2. City Council amend the "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, from Winona Drive to Vaughan Road, to operate from Winona Drive to Christie Street and from a point 30.5 metres east of Christie Street to Vaughan Road.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the necessary signage adjustments are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc to investigate the feasibility of amending the existing "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, east of Christie Street, to operate as "No Stopping, Anytime". The proposed change will discourage motorists from parking at this intersection, which impedes turning traffic, including the TTC's 126 Christie bus.

COMMENTS

The intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Christie Street is controlled by traffic control signals. St. Clair Avenue West is a major arterial roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Transit service is provided by 512 St. Clair streetcar, which travels on an exclusive right-of-way. There are far-side streetcar platforms provided at the intersection with Christie Street.

Christie Street is a minor arterial roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. It intersects the south side St. Clair Avenue West in a "T"-type intersection. Transit service is provided by the 126 Christie bus, which makes a northbound right-turn and westbound left-turn at this intersection. There are north-south transit stops provided on Christie Street, south of St. Clair Avenue West.

At signalized intersections, the City of Toronto's statutory regulations require that parking be prohibited at all times for a distance of 30.5 metres in each direction. This regulation is necessary to provide adequate sightlines for motorists and pedestrians, as well as sufficient space for turning movements, especially for large vehicles.

On the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, the statutory parking prohibition is currently posted from Christie Street to a point 30.5 metres east. Additionally, stopping is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. Beyond a point 30.5 metres east of Christie Street, on-street parking is provided by Pay-and-Display machines.

Transportation Services have been advised that when vehicles are parked in the "No Parking, Anytime" area on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West, east of Christie Street, the 126 Christie bus may be unable to complete their northbound right-turn movement onto St. Clair Avenue West. During the occurrences, the bus may be stopped, blocking eastbound traffic at this intersection.

Therefore, replacing the "No Parking, Anytime" regulation with a stricter "No Stopping, Anytime" regulation will provide a greater deterrent to motorists parking on St. Clair Avenue West and not have any negative impact on the number of on-street parking spaces. However, businesses in this area would lose their curbside loading and unloading capabilities and motorists would not be able to stop temporarily to pick-up or drop-off passengers. Additionally, the introduction of the proposed "No Stopping, Anytime" regulation would only be as effective as the enforcement carried out.

Councillor Joe Mihevc has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-1983, dated November 2015

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