



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking regulations – Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Carlaw Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is responding to a request from Councillor Paula Fletcher to remove the 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East.

The removal of the parking prohibition will allow parking in the curb lane, however, it will force traffic into one northbound travel lane, increasing delay and potentially impacting traffic operations at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Carlaw Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council maintain the existing 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 76.6 metres north, and between a point 97 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 33.5 metres south of Queen Street East.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

City Council at its meeting on November 13, 2013 enacted a parking prohibition on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, as part of the traffic management plan for the Leslie Street track connection to the new Leslie Street TTC streetcar storage and maintenance facility (Item TE27.53).

Work on the track connection has progressed and Leslie Street has been reopened to traffic. Councillor Fletcher, on behalf of area residents and businesses, has asked Transportation Services to submit a report to Toronto and East York Community Council on rescinding the afternoon weekday peak period parking prohibition.

COMMENTS

Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East, is a four-lane north/south minor arterial road operating two-way with a pavement width of 14 metres. The TTC operates a bus service along this section of Carlaw Avenue.

To mitigate the impacts of traffic diverted from the closure of Leslie Street during the construction of the TTC streetcar track connection, a parking prohibition operating between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East was enacted. The parking prohibition provided a second northbound travel lane during the afternoon weekday peak period and complemented the existing afternoon weekday peak parking prohibition on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, north of Queen Street East.

Rescinding the 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition will provide additional on-street parking for local residents and businesses during that time period, however, it will reduce the number of northbound travel lanes from two to one, resulting in increased delays to northbound motorists, including TTC buses, during the afternoon peak period. Additionally, traffic queuing along Carlaw Avenue could negatively impact traffic operations at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Carlaw Avenue.

In view of the resulting negative impacts to traffic operations, Transportation Services does not support rescinding the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Queen Street East.

Councillor Paula Fletcher has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2010, dated December 2015

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