



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – King Street West

Date:	April 7, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts2016100te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a "No Standing, 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m." regulation on both sides of King Street West, between Bathurst Street and Spadina Avenue. These parking amendments are required to address on-going taxi congestion, loitering and sound pollution within the Entertainment District during the early morning hours.

The report will address the changes on King Street West. The required changes on the adjacent sections of Richmond Street West, Adelaide Street West and Wellington Street West will be addressed in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "Parking Amendments – Richmond Street West, Adelaide Street West and Wellington Street West".

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council approve a "No Standing, 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m." regulation on both sides of King Street West, between Bathurst Street and Spadina Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Joe Cressy to investigate parking amendments on King Street West. The parking amendments are required to address on-going taxi congestion, loitering and sound pollution within the Entertainment District during the early morning hours.

COMMENTS

King Street West, between Bathurst Street and Spadina Avenue, is a major arterial road that operates with two lanes in each direction on a pavement width of about 13 metres. It has a daily traffic volume of about 14,300 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. TTC service on King Street West is provided by the '504 King' streetcar which operates in the median lanes on a shared right-of-way with general traffic.

The parking regulations on this section of King Street West are generally as follows:

- "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday";
- "Pay and Display Parking, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday"; and
- three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Councillor Joe Cressy and the Toronto Police Service-14 Division have reviewed options to address the on-going taxi congestion, loitering and sound pollution within the Entertainment District during the early morning hours. To address these concerns, a "No Standing, 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m." regulation was proposed on King Street West. The proposed regulations will be similar to the sections of Richmond Street West and Adelaide Street West, east of Spadina Avenue, where a "No Standing, 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m." regulation was enacted in 2006 (Toronto and East York Community Council Clause No. 5, Report No. 73).

Transportation Services reviewed the proposed changes and have no objections. However, it is noted that these regulations will only allow passenger pick-ups and drop-offs during the times of operation and will not allow for commercial on-street deliveries to be made.

Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2119, dated April 2016

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