Parking Amendments – Arlington Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District

Wards: St. Paul's, Ward 21

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the parking regulations on Arlington Avenue, north of St. Clair Avenue West. The recommended changes will provide about three additional parking spaces on Arlington Avenue and will enhance the southbound traffic flow by deterring illegal parking in the vicinity of the intersection with St. Clair Avenue West.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Amend the parking prohibition in effect at all times on both sides of Arlington Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 53.2 metres north, to operate on the west side, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 37.5 metres north.

2. Prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Arlington Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 37.5 metres north.
3. Amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on the west side of Arlington Avenue, between a point 53.6 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Vaughan Road, to be in effect between a point 37.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Vaughan Road.

4. Amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, and anytime December 1st to March 31, of the next following year, inclusive, on the east side of Arlington Avenue, between a point 53.6 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Vaughan Road, to be in effect between a point 37.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Vaughan Road.

5. Amend the existing one-hour maximum parking limit 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, in effect from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on the east side of Arlington Avenue, between a point 53.6 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Hursting Avenue, to be in effect between a point 37.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Hursting Avenue.

6. Amend the existing one-hour maximum parking limit 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, in effect from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, and anytime December 1st to March 31, of the next following year, inclusive, on the west side of Arlington Avenue, between a point 53.6 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Hursting Avenue, to be in effect between a point 37.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Hursting Avenue.

7. Amend the existing parking by permit only 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. regulation on the even side of Arlington Avenue, from the south limit (of the former City of York) to Vaughan Road, to be in effect between a point 37.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Vaughan Road.

8. Amend the existing parking by permit only 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. regulation on the odd side of Arlington Avenue from the south limit (of the former City of York) to Vaughan Road, to be in effect between a point 37.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to Vaughan Road.

Financial Impact
All costs associated with adjusting the parking regulation signs are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc to review reducing the existing parking prohibition on Arlington Avenue, north of St. Clair Avenue West, to provide additional parking spaces. It was also requested that staff review the feasibility of implementing a standing prohibition on the east side of the street, between St. Clair Avenue West and the public lane first north, to deter illegal parking activity near the intersection.

COMMENTS
Arlington Avenue, between Humewood Gardens and St. Clair Avenue West, is a local road that operates one-way southbound with a 7.3 metre pavement width. A public lane intersects this section of Arlington Avenue, about 35 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West. There is no TTC service provided on Arlington Avenue.

Bi-monthly, alternate-side parking is generally in effect on Arlington Avenue, outside of the winter months. The following regulations operate in conjunction with the alternate-side parking in effect on this road:

- "No Parking, Anytime", between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 53.2 metres north;
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m., daily";
- "One-hour maximum parking limit, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily"; and
- three-hour maximum parking limit at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Transportation Services' review confirmed that it is feasible to provide about three additional parking spaces on each side of Arlington Avenue by amending the existing parking prohibition. The prohibition will operate between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 37.5 metres north, instead of a point 53.2 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West. The added parking spaces will operate with the current alternate-side and time limit parking regulations and will not adversely impact traffic operations on the street.

Councillor Mihevc has also expressed a concern with vehicles parking illegally and obstructing traffic flow on Arlington Avenue, near St. Clair Avenue West, particularly on the east side of the road. The review determined it is feasible to rescind the existing parking prohibition and implement a standing prohibition on the east side of Arlington Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and the public lane. The enhanced regulation will act as a greater deterrent to motorists parking illegally. A standing prohibition will allow motorists to stop to pick-up or drop-off passengers, however it will not permit the loading or unloading of merchandise.
Councillor Joe Mihevc has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2107, dated April 2016

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