Parking Amendments – Leonard Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Trinity – Spadina, Ward 20
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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 prohibit standing on the east side of Leonard Avenue to improve the sight lines for motorists entering and exiting Leonard Place. This change will result in the loss of about two on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Leonard Avenue, between a point 29.5 metres north of Wales Avenue and a point 14.5 metres further north.

Financial Impact
All costs associated with the necessary signage adjustments 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 review the parking regulations on Leonard Avenue to improve the sight lines for motorists entering and exiting Leonard Place.

COMMENTS
Leonard Avenue, between Wales Avenue and Nassau Street, is a two lane local road that operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 9.8 metres. It has a daily traffic volume of about 2,300 vehicles and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Leonard Avenue.

Leonard Place is a two-way public lane that is about three metres wide. It intersects the east side of Leonard Avenue, between Wales Avenue and Nassau Street. The lane is located between 1A and 3 Leonard Avenue and provides rear access to properties on Wales Avenue, Leonard Avenue and Bellevue Avenue.

The following by-laws are currently in effect on this section of Leonard Avenue:

East side:
- "No Parking, Except By Permit, 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily";
- "One-hour time limit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

West side:
- "No Standing, Anytime"

Collision statistics provided by Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending December 31, 2015 disclosed that five collisions had occurred on the section of Leonard Avenue, between Wales Avenue and Nassau Street. Further review disclosed that parked vehicles adjacent to the lane were not a contributing factor in any of these collisions.

Motorists have reported difficulty entering and exiting Leonard Place due to the poor sight lines resulting from the proximity of parked vehicles on Leonard Avenue. Currently there are no pavement markings or signs indicating the extent of on-street parking. Field observations have confirmed that motorists are generally parking near the entrance/exit to Leonard Place.

In order to enhance sight lines for entering and exiting Leonard Place, a standing prohibition can be enacted to prohibit vehicles from parking with a point 29.5 metres north of Wales Avenue and a point 14.5 metres further north.
Implementing the proposed change will result in the loss of about two permit parking spaces on Leonard Avenue, between Wales Avenue and Nassau Street. There is currently a total of 262 permit parking spaces designated in area 6C, 218 of which have been issued to residents of the area. More specifically, there is currently a total of 23 permit parking spaces designated on Leonard Avenue, 4 of which have been issued to residents of this street. Therefore, reduction in the number of available permit parking spaces on Leonard Avenue should not cause a significant impact to permit holding residents, as there will be sufficient permit parking spaces remaining.

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

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2133, dated May 2016