



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments – Western Battery Road

Date:	September 14, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
Reference Number:	Ts2016182te.top.doc

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 and north sides of Western Battery Road, around the "L" shaped bend, north of East Liberty Street. The proposed parking amendments will improve traffic operations for motorists travelling through the curve and will result on the loss of about five on-street parking spaces on Western Battery Road.

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 and north sides of Western Battery Road, between a point 65 metres north of East Liberty Street and a point 31 metres further north and west.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Mike Layton to investigate safety concerns resulting from parked vehicles on the north and east sides of Western Battery Road, around the horizontal curve to the north of East Liberty Street.

Item 12.59, entitled "Parking Amendments – Western Battery Road", which was considered by Toronto and East York Community Council on November 10, 2015, contained a recommendation that standing be prohibited on the east and north sides of Western Battery Road. This Item was referred back to Transportation Services with a request that a report be submitted on an expansion of Permit Parking Area 4J along Western Battery Road to Lynn Williams Street.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.TE12.59>

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Mike Layton to bring the forward the proposed standing prohibition to the meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council to be held on October 13, 2016. The permit parking issue on Western Battery Road will be addressed separately.

COMMENTS

Western Battery Road, between East Liberty Street and Pirandello Street, is a local roadway that generally runs east-west, turning approximately 90 degrees at the eastern end to intersect the north side of East Liberty Street. It operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 6.9 to 7.0 metres and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Western Battery Road.

On this section of Western Battery Road, the following parking regulations are generally in effect:

East/North Sides

- “No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily” on the east and north sides of Western Battery Road, between East Liberty Street and Pirandello Street; and
- Three-hour maximum parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

West/South Sides

- "No Parking, Anytime".

As noted, this section of Western Battery Road undergoes a change in the horizontal alignment, north of East Liberty Street. Vehicles parked on the north and east sides of the curve may cause potential operational concerns for motorists. The reported concerns indicate that due to parked vehicles in the curve, northbound and eastbound motorists may be required to move towards the centre of the roadway.

Modelling of vehicle movements confirmed that the movements for northbound and eastbound motorists travelling through the curve on Western Battery Road may be constrained by parked vehicles. A review of Toronto Police Service records on this section of Western Battery Road for the three-year period ending December 31, 2014, disclosed two collisions occurred between northbound and eastbound motorists within the curve. Field observations have confirmed that conflicts could potentially occur when vehicles are travelling northbound and eastbound through the curve, although none were observed.

In order to improve the traffic operations for eastbound and northbound motorists travelling around the subject curve, Transportation Services recommends prohibiting standing at all times on the east and north sides of Western Battery Road, from a point 65.0 metres north of East Liberty Street to a point 31.0 metres further north/west (around curve). The proposed change will prevent motorists from parking within the curve and will result in the loss of about five parking spaces on this section of Western Battery Road.

Western Battery Road belongs to permit parking area 4J. This area has 127 spaces and 141 permits have been issued, as area based permits may exceed the number of potential spaces by ten percent. The area is at capacity and there is presently a wait list. Accordingly, the loss of five parking spaces will mean the cancellation of five parking permits, although consultations are ongoing to find additional permit parking spaces in the area.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-1929, dated October 2015

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