



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – Ruskin Avenue

Date:	September 7, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
Reference Number:	Ts2016175te.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 implement a parking prohibition on the north side of Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue. The proposed parking prohibition will improve the two-way traffic operation on this section of the roadway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Prohibit parking, at all times, on the north side of Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and a point 36.8 metres west of Franklin Avenue, and a point 47.8 metres west of Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue;
2. Prohibit parking from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and at all times, Saturday and Sunday, on north side of Ruskin Avenue, between a point 36.8 metres west of Franklin Avenue and a point 11 metres further west;

3. Amend existing parking except by permit from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily on the north side of Ruskin Avenue, between Perth Avenue and the west end of Ruskin Avenue, to be in effect from Perth Avenue to Franklin Avenue and from Edwin Avenue to the west end of Ruskin Avenue; and
4. Amend the existing one-hour time limit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday on the north side of Ruskin Avenue, between the southwest end of Ruskin Avenue and Franklin Avenue, to be in effect from the southwest end of Ruskin Avenue to Edwin Avenue.

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 Ana Bailão to review the feasibility of amending parking regulations on Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue, to enhance safety by providing unobstructed two-way traffic flow.

COMMENTS

Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue, is a local road that operates with two-way traffic with a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. It has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Ruskin Avenue.

Currently an accessible loading zone is designated on north side of Ruskin Avenue, between a point 36.8 metres west of Franklin Avenue and a point 11 metres further west.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue:

North Side:

- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily";
- "One-hour time limit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday";
- "Accessible Loading Zone, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

South Side:

- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Councillor Bailão has reported on behalf of local residents that with the existing parking condition on Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue, motorists may potentially conflict with parked vehicles on the both sides of the road resulting a negative impact to two-way traffic operation.

Transportation Services staff undertook a parking review on Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue. The review disclosed that there are about eight spaces on the south side and about four spaces on the north side. The difference in the number of spaces can be attributed to the greater number of driveways on the north side, as well as an existing fire hydrant.

Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue, belongs to permit parking area 1A. Area 1A has 909 spaces and 564 residential permits have been issued. More specifically, Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue, has 20 permit parking spaces on the street. On this section, 13 permits have been issued.

As required under the Municipal Code, Chapter 925, Permit Parking, Transportation Services requested the City Clerk to provide notice requesting those objecting to this proposal forward their objection in writing to the City Clerk so they may be scheduled as deputations at the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting. At the time of the report, no objections were received by Toronto and East York Community Council regarding this proposal.

In view of the above, to enhance a two-way traffic operation on the road, Transportation Services have no objection in parking prohibition at all times on north side of the road. Parking on the south side will be permitted at all times. As a result of the parking prohibition, overnight permit parking must be removed on north side of the subject section of Ruskin Avenue.

It should be noted that this proposal will have no impact on the existing "Accessible Loading Zone" regulation on north side of the road. The proposed parking prohibition on north side of the road will result in the loss of about four on-street parking spaces.

Councillor Bailão has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2236, dated September 2016

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