



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments – Browning Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Pape Avenue

Date:	September 29, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29
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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 existing parking regulations on Browning Avenue, between Logan Avenue to Pape Avenue, to allow for two-sided parking at all times which will provide additional on-street parking opportunities for residents and their visitors. This proposed change will have a negative impact on the mechanical street cleaning and snow plowing activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from the 16th day to the last day of each month, April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the north side of Browning Avenue, between Arundel Avenue and a point 53.8 metres east of Carlaw Avenue, to operate between Arundel Avenue and Logan Avenue.

2. Amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between Arundel Avenue and a point 54.1 metres east of Carlaw Avenue, to operate between Arundel Avenue and Logan Avenue.
3. Amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from the 16th day to the last day of each month, April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the south side of Browning Avenue, between Arundel Avenue and a point 54.1 metres east of Carlaw Avenue, to operate from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between Arundel Avenue and Logan Avenue.
4. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the north side of Browning Avenue, between Pape Avenue and a point 141.3 metres west of Pape Avenue.
5. Amend the existing permit parking regulation on Browning Avenue, odd (south) side, between Pape Avenue and a point 54.7 metres east of Carlaw Avenue (the south former Borough of East York limit), and amend the existing alternate side permit parking regulations on Browning Avenue, between Logan Avenue and a point 54.7 metres east of Carlaw Avenue, to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily on both (even and odd) sides of Browning Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Pape 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 Mary Fragedakis, on behalf of local residents, to review the feasibility of amending the current parking regulations on Browning Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Pape Avenue, to permit parking on both sides at all times.

COMMENTS

Browning Avenue, between Logan Avenue to Pape Avenue, is a local road that operates one-way eastbound with a pavement width of 8.5 metres. Speed humps are present on this street and it has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Browning Avenue.

The parking regulations on this section of Browning Avenue are not consistent between Logan Avenue and Pape Avenue, as it previously fell within the former City of Toronto (western portion) and the former Borough of East York (eastern portion). The boundary between these two municipalities was located mid-block, between Carlaw Avenue and Pape Avenue. Each of these sections has distinct parking regulations in operation.

The majority of Browning Avenue was located within the former City of Toronto. In this section, the following parking regulations are generally in effect:

North side

- "No Parking, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from the 16th day to the end of each month, April 1 to November 30";
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

South side

- "No Parking, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, April 1 to November 30, and Anytime, December 1 to March 30";
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

In the section of Browning Avenue that was located within the former Borough of East York, the following parking regulations are generally in effect:

North side

- "No Parking, Anytime".

South side

- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Browning Avenue is physically wide enough to allow parking on both sides of the street and maintain a 4.5 metre wide lane for through traffic. These conditions currently exist on Fulton Avenue, from Arundel Avenue to Pape Avenue. The noted section of Fulton Avenue has similar operating characteristics to Browning Avenue. It is noted that the weekday, day-time alternating side parking regulations were subsequently re-instated on portion of Fulton Avenue to be in effect during the winter months.

The proposed changes to the parking regulations on Browning Avenue will have potential negative impacts. These are summarized as follows:

- Sightlines between motorist and pedestrians would be reduced;
- Delivery vehicles and public service vehicles, such as garbage trucks, may occasionally block traffic flow;
- The ability to use mechanical sweepers to maintain the street at an acceptable level of cleanliness would be impacted. Street cleaning operations on this segment of Browning Avenue will be limited to manual cleaning only, which only occurs once a year at present; and
- Response times by emergency service agencies could be impacted.

The above-noted concerns could be exacerbated during winter months when snow accumulation along the curb, combined with on-street parking, further narrows the unimpeded width of the road. In a two-sided parking condition, snow plow operators will be required to plow snow towards both curbs, resulting in windrows of snow against parked vehicles. Besides a narrower travel lane, this will result in vehicles pushing snow back on to the road when exiting their parking spaces. Additionally, the windrows of snow could potentially block motorists from access to their vehicle, depending on the amount of snowfall.

Approval of the recommendations indicated in this report will facilitate the residents request to provide additional on-street parking spaces for residents and visitors on this segment of Browning Avenue during the weekday, daytime periods. The number of overnight on-street parking spaces will increase by approximately 18 spaces, while the number of daytime spaces will almost double.

House-keeping Issues

The staff review also detected inconsistencies in the traffic bylaw related to the current signed parking regulations on Browning Avenue. Specifically, the time periods of the bi-weekly alternating-side regulations on the north and south side conflict. These regulations will be rescinded in the section of Browning Avenue, east of Logan Avenue, with the adoption of this report. However, these regulations will remain in place between Arundel Avenue and Logan Avenue. This inconsistency will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 3.

Councillor Mary Fragedakis has been advised of the recommendation in this report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2272, dated October 2016

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