

Parking Amendments - Spadina Crescent and Spadina Avenue

Date: October 18, 2016
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 20, Trinity–Spadina

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Spadina Crescent and Spadina Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to designate a student pick-up/drop-off area for Lord Lansdowne Junior and Senior Public School and Da Vinci Alternative School on the west side of Spadina Crescent West, between Russell Street and the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent West. The pick-up/drop-off area will provide parking for up to 10-minutes during school arrival and dismissal times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "A" – By-Laws to be rescinded, attached to the report entitled "Parking Amendments - Spadina Crescent and Spadina Avenue" from the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District dated October 7, 2016.
2. City Council approve the parking regulations outlined in Appendix "B" – By-Laws to be enacted, attached to the report entitled "Parking Amendments - Spadina Crescent and Spadina Avenue" from the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District dated October 7, 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report is a new request being presented to Toronto and East York Community Council.

COMMENTS

As per the request of Councillor Joe Cressy, Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of designating a student pick-up/drop-off area for Lord Lansdowne Junior and Senior Public School and Da Vinci Alternative School on the west side of Spadina Crescent West, between Russell Street and the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent West.

Lord Lansdowne Junior and Senior Public School and Da Vinci Alternative School is located on the east side of Robert Street, between Russell Street and College Street. The main student entrance is located on the east side of Robert Street, although a second entrance is located at the south-west corner of Russell Street and Spadina Crescent West.

Spadina Crescent East and West, between the northerly limit of Spadina Crescent East and West and the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent East and West, is a major arterial road that operates one-way in the southbound direction on a pavement width of about 11 metres. It has a daily traffic volume of about 10,200 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. TTC service on Spadina Crescent West is provided by the '510 Spadina' streetcar which operates on an exclusive right-of-way.

The following by-laws are currently in effect on this section of Spadina Crescent West:

North of Russell Street

- "No Stopping, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays", between the northerly limit of Spadina Crescent West and Russell Street; and
- "Pay & Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday", between a point 80.5 metres north of Russell Street and Russell Street.

South of Russell Street

- "No Stopping, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays", between the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent West and Russell Street; and
- "No Parking, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday to Sunday", between Russell Street and the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent West.

The following by-laws are currently in effect on this section of Spadina Crescent East:

North of Russell Street

- "No Stopping, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays", between the northerly limit of Spadina Crescent East and the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent East; and
- "Pay & Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday", between Russell Street and a point 91.5 metres north of Russell Street.

South of Russell Street

- "No Stopping, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays", between the northerly limit of Spadina Crescent East and the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent East; and
- "No Parking Anytime", between the southerly limit of Spadina Crescent East and a point 72.5 metres south of Russell Street.

Lord Lansdowne Junior and Senior Public School and Da Vinci Alternative School currently does not have a delineated on-street pick-up and drop-off area for students. The current parking regulations do not allow parking on this section of Spadina Crescent West. Under these parking conditions, parents wishing to pick-up/drop-off their children cannot do so without being in violation of the existing parking prohibitions. Observations revealed that parents are currently using Spadina Crescent West to pick-up/drop-off their children as there is inadequate parking opportunity in the area.

The Principal of Lord Lansdowne Junior and Senior Public School has requested that the parking regulations on the west side of Spadina Crescent West be modified to address the short-term parking requirements for parents/guardians to accompany students to/from the school.

Given the width of Spadina Crescent West, it is feasible to designate a student pick-up/drop-off area on the west side of the road and maintain safe and efficient traffic operations. The pick-up/drop-off area would be 65.5 metres long, provide 12 short-term parking spaces, and will operate during arrival (8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) and dismissal (3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) times for a maximum limit of 10 minutes.

In order to enhance the safety surrounding the proposed student pick-up/drop-off area, Traffic Operations is recommending that the existing Pay-and-Display parking on the west side of Spadina Crescent West, north of Russell Street operate during the same hours as the student pick-up/drop-off area. As result, this will create a buffer zone and clearly indicate the two main lanes of travel, improving driver expectancy. The existing guardrail on the west side of Spadina Crescent West, south of Russell Street will remain but will need to be altered to provide accessibility to and from the school.

During the morning and evening rush hour periods Spadina Crescent East and West transforms from a two lane roadway to a three lane roadway. This becomes problematic when motorists must transition from Spadina Crescent East and West onto Spadina Avenue which is a two lane roadway. Traffic Operations is recommending that the current rush hour prohibitions on Spadina Crescent East and West be rescinded in order to maintain two lanes of traffic at all times on this roadway in both directions, which should improve traffic flow and driver expectations.

HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

Transportation Services also detected various inconsistencies in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking regulations on Spadina Avenue and Spadina Crescent East and West. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2286, dated October 2016
2. Drawing No. 421G-2287, dated October 2016
3. Drawing No. 421G-2288, dated October 2016
4. Drawing No. 421G-2289, dated October 2016
5. Appendix A – By-Laws to be Rescinded
6. Appendix B – By-Laws to be Enacted

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