

Parking Regulation Amendment - Islington Avenue

Date: May 11, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to install a No Stopping Anytime regulation on the east side of Islington Avenue from Aberfoyle Crescent to a point 39 metres south, to improve safety and transit operations in the area.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Islington Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing standing prohibition at all times on the east side of Islington Avenue between Bloor Street West and Aberfoyle Crescent, to be in effect from Bloor Street West to a point 39 metres south of Aberfoyle Crescent.
2. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Islington Avenue between Aberfoyle Crescent and a point 39 metres south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the No Stopping Anytime signs on Islington Avenue is approximately \$ 500.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2017 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services investigated a request from the Toronto Transit Commission, regarding concerns with vehicles stopping to discharge or pick-up passengers on Islington Avenue at the entrance to Islington Subway Station. Vehicles currently stopping in this area are creating a hazard for motorists and TTC buses which are attempting to service a bus stop located on the southeast corner of Islington Avenue and Aberfoyle Crescent. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

According to the City of Toronto's road classification system, Islington Avenue, north of Bloor Street West, is a "Major Arterial" roadway. It has a seven lane cross-section comprised of three northbound lanes, two southbound through lanes, a southbound left-turn lane and a southbound right-turn lane. This section of Islington Avenue has an urban cross-section (i.e. curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the street. The northbound curb lane on Islington Avenue terminates at Aberfoyle Crescent and is appropriately signed with a "Right Lane Ends" sign located approximately 39 metres south of the intersection. A pedestrian access entrance to Islington Subway Station and the Islington Bloor Place business complex is located on the east side of Islington Avenue immediately south of Aberfoyle Crescent. The posted speed limit on Islington Avenue is 50 km/h.

Islington Avenue has a No Stopping Anytime regulation on the west side of the street from Bloor Street West to a point 213.5 metres north and on the east side from Aberfoyle Crescent to a point 199.5 metres further north. Between Aberfoyle Crescent and Bloor Street West, a No Standing Anytime regulation is present on the east side which permits motorists to drop-off and pick-up passengers.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that motorists on the east side of Islington Avenue are stopping, idling and waiting for subway patrons in the existing No Standing Anytime area. This activity is creating a hazard for passing motorists and is impeding transit bus operations attempting to service the bus stop.

To improve safety and traffic flow in this area, Transportation Services recommend that a No Stopping Anytime prohibition be installed on the east side of Islington Avenue from Aberfoyle Crescent to a point 39.0 metres south. From this point south to Bloor Street West, the No Standing Anytime regulation will be maintained to provide motorists and subway patrons a convenient and safe area to pick-up and discharge passengers. It should be noted that TTC buses are currently exempted from No Stopping prohibitions under Chapter 950-1100 (Traffic and Parking - Exceptions) of the Toronto Municipal Code.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map (Parking Regulation Amendments - Islington Avenue, south of Aberfoyle Crecent)

Area Map - Islington Avenue, south of Aberfoyle Crecent)