Parking Amendments - Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and College Street

Date: March 28, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 18, Davenport

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 rescind the Thursday alternate-side parking regulation on Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and College Street and provide parking on the east side of the street year round. The proposed changes will provide additional on-street parking spaces. There will be no impact to traffic operations but it may have a negative impact on street cleaning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect each Thursday from April 1st to November 30th, on the west side of Margueretta Street, between a point 69.5 metres north of College Street and a point 69.2 metres further north and between a point 234.9 metres north of College Street and Bloor Street West;

2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Margueretta Street, between a point 138.7 metres north of College Street and a point 96.2 metres further north;
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., on the west side of Margueretta Street, between the first lane south of Bloor Street West and a point 120 metres further south and between a point 69.5 metres north of College Street and a point 80.5 metres further north;

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times except each Thursday from April 1st to November 30th, on the east side of Margueretta Street, between a point 217.9 metres north of College Street and Bloor Street West and between a point 66 metres north of College Street and a point 72.7 metres further north;

5. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., on the even/west side of Margueretta Street, between College Street and Bloor Street West, to be in effect between Bloor Street West and first laneway south of Bloor Street West;

6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking except by permit from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily on the odd/east side of Margueretta Street, between a point 66 metres north of College Street and first laneway south of Bloor Street West;

7. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing accessible parking spaces on the west side of Margueretta Street, between a point 168.5 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 5.5 metres further south and between a point 115 metres north of College Street and a point 5.5 metres further north, to be in effect on the east side;

8. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition from, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and Anytime, Saturday, Sunday and public holiday regulation, on the east side of Margueretta Street, between a point 138.7 metres north of College Street and a point 79.2 metres further north, to be in effect from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday;

9. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Margueretta Street, between a point 69.5 metres north of College Street and a point 33.5 metres further north and between a point 108.5 metres north of College Street and first laneway south of Bloor Street West; and

10. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and first laneway south of Bloor Street West.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting on February 14, 2006, approved Toronto and East York Community Council Report No. 2, Clause No. 42, which recommended alternate-side Thursday parking, from April 1st to November 30th.

COMMENTS

In consultation with Councillor Bailão, Transportation Services reviewed parking regulations on Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and College Street.

Margueretta Street is a local roadway that generally operates one-way southbound, between Bloor Street West and College Street. It has a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a daily traffic volume of about 1,500 vehicles. It has a speed limit of 30 km/h as speed humps have been installed. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Margueretta Street.

Pay-and-Display parking is in effect during the day time on the west side of Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and the first lane south. Additionally, an accessible loading zone is designated on west of the road, between a point 103 metres north of College Street and a point 5.5 metres further north. Short-term school zone parking is in effect on the east side of the road, adjacent to Brock Junior Public School located at No. 93 Margueretta Street, just north of College Street.

On the west side of Margueretta Street, overnight permit parking operates between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily. One-hour time limit operates between 7:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m., daily. Furthermore, alternate-side Thursday parking operates between April 1st and November 30th.

The existing alternate-side Thursday parking regulations were implemented on Margueretta Street in 2006 (Clause No. 42, Report No. 2) which was adopted by City Council on February 14, 2006. The purpose of introducing these regulations was to enhance mechanical street sweeping operations and benefit residents by allowing the City’s street cleaning services to provide a planned and scheduled service on both sides of a street. This operation provides the most cost-effective means of delivering the service on a regular basis.
In order to address the concerns of local residents, Transportation Services have investigated existing parking regulations on Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and College Street. With the alternate-side Thursday parking regulation, between April 1st and November 30th, residents park on the east side of the street where parking is normally prohibited. This has occasionally resulted in double sided parking on Thursdays. With vehicles parked on both sides of the road, inadequate pavement width is available for large vehicles such as garbage trucks and fire trucks to get by.

There are about 117 overnight and 100 day time parking spaces available on the west side of the road. On the east side of the road about 114 parking spaces are available and 14 parking spaces are reserved at all times for the short-term school zone.

In order to provide 14 additional weekday evening and overnight, and weekend parking spaces on the east side of the road, the existing short-term school zone can be amended to operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, only, and parking will be allowed outside of the school operating hours.

Transportation Services have no objection in the removal of alternate-side Thursday parking and allowing parking on the east side of Margueretta Street, between the first lane south of Bloor Street West and College Street. The proposed parking regulations will provide about eleven additional parking spaces on east side of Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and College Street. Parking will be prohibited on the west side at all times.

Additionally, the existing alternate-side Thursday parking regulation on Margueretta Street, between Bloor Street West and the first lane south be replaced with "No Parking, Anytime" on east side of the road. The Pay-and-Display parking and permit parking regulations on west side on the subject section of road will remain unchanged.

During the course of our investigation, it was revealed that the existing parking regulations were not noted correctly within the by-law. The approval of above noted Recommendation Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 9 will serve to rectify the by-law.

It should be noted that this proposal may have negative impacts on the street cleaning on Margueretta Street. The proposed parking changes will require that cleaning be done manually instead of mechanically, which is less efficient and may not provide the level of cleaning the residents may be accustomed to. However, there will be no impact on traffic operations.
Councillor Ana Bailão has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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