Bollards - Saulter Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth

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 staff have reviewed the request for the installation of bollards on the east and west side of Saulter Street. Our assessment indicates that the installation of bollards is not possible due to requirements outlined in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Design of Public Spaces Standards (Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment). Therefore, bollards should not be installed on the east side of Saulter Street, immediately adjacent to the entrance of the Saulter Street parkette nor on the west side of Saulter Street at its southernmost intersection of June Callwood Way.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council deny the installation of bollards on the east side of Saulter Street, immediately adjacent to the entrance of the Saulter Street parkette.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council deny the installation of bollards on the west side of Saulter Street, at its southernmost intersection of June Callwood Way.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting on January 17, 2017, adopted Item TE21.74, requesting Transportation Services to investigate the feasibility of installing bollards on the east side of Saulte Street, immediately adjacent to the entrance of the Saulte Street parkette and on the west side of Saulte Street at its southernmost intersection of June Callwood Way, and to report to the May 2, 2017 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting. The Council decision can be found at: http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE21.74

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions:
Saulte Street is a local roadway which operates two-way, with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Near its south terminus, the road width narrows to 6.4 metres and sidewalks are provided on both sides. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Saulte Street, between Queen Street East and the south terminus of Saulte Street:

East Side:
• Parking is prohibited, at all times, from Queen Street East to a point 243.2 metres south of Queen Street East.

West Side:
• Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., daily, on the west side of Saulte Street, from the south end of Saulte Street to Queen Street East.

There is no TTC service provided on Saulte Street.

Assessment:
The sidewalk on the east side of Saulte Street, immediately adjacent to the entrance of the Saulte Street parkette measures approximately 1.5 metres in width. The sidewalk on the west side of Saulte Street, at its southernmost intersection of June Callwood Way measures approximately 1.5 metres in width.
Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Design of Public Spaces Standards (Accessibility Standards for the Built Environment) indicates that a minimum clear width of 1.5 metres is required for sidewalks. Since the existing sidewalk width is approximately 1.5 metres, the installation of bollards at the subject locations would reduce the sidewalk width to a point less than the required 1.5 metre minimum thereby contravening the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act minimum clear width standards.

In view of the above, Transportation Services does not recommend the installation of bollards on the east side of Saulter Street, immediately adjacent to the entrance of the Saulter Street parkette or on the west side of Saulter Street at its southernmost intersection of June Callwood Way.

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