Parking Amendments – James Street/Albert Street

Date: April 11, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District; Director, Business Licensing and Regulatory Services, Municipal Licensing and Standards
Wards: Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale

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 relocate the existing on-street accessible loading zone and vendor parking regulations in-effect on the west side of James Street, between Queen Street West and Albert Street. The aforementioned parking regulations are adjacent to a construction staging area, and should be relocated to avoid any potential conflicts with the construction zone traffic.

This report is in conjunction with staff report entitled "Construction Staging - James Street" (Item TE23.71).

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing accessible loading zone regulation on the west side of James Street, between Albert Street and a point 15 metres south, to be in effect on the south side of Albert Street, between a point 9 metres west of James Street a point 15 metres further west, from April 24, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing vendor parking regulation on the west side of James Street, between a point of 15.5 metres north of Queen Street West and a point 5.4 metres further north, to be in effect on the south side of Albert Street, between a point 24 metres west of James Street and a point 5.5 metres further west, from April 24, 2017 to August 31, 2017.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council give authority to relocate the curb lane vendor, within the existing vending moratorium area of Ward 27, Municipal Licensing & Standards Permit Number R55-2402801 from a point of 15.5 metres north of Queen Street West and a point 5.4 metres further north, to be in effect on the south side of Albert Street, between a point 24 metres west of James Street and a point 5.5 metres further west, for the period from April 24, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

4. Toronto and East York Community direct that James Street be returned to its preconstruction traffic regulations when the project is completed.

5. Toronto and East York Community direct that Albert Street be returned to its preconstruction traffic regulations when the project is completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact on the City. PCL Construction is responsible for all costs associated with the necessary signage installation.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting on April 4, 2017, adopted Item TE23.71 requesting approval to close the west sidewalk and portion of the northbound lane on James Street, as well as the removal of two taxicab stand spaces on the north side of Albert Street and on the west side of James Street, for a period of 4 months.

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting on February 23, 2016, adopted Item TE14.67 requesting permission to replace the existing pedestrian bridge over Queen Street West, connecting Toronto Eaton Centre to the north and The Hudson's Bay Company building to the south.

COMMENTS

PCL Construction is replacing the existing pedestrian bridge over Queen Street West, connecting Toronto Eaton Centre to the north and The Hudson's Bay Company building to the south. In order to facilitate construction of the new bridge, a construction staging area has been approved on James Street. A partial lane occupation of 8.1 metres on the northbound lane and sidewalk on the west side of James Street will be closed starting April 24, 2017.

James Street, between Queen Street West and Albert Avenue is a local road that operates one-way northbound, on a pavement width of 12.6 metres. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the roadway. Stopping is prohibited at all times on both sides of James Street, from Albert Street to Queen Street West, with the exception of the Accessible Loading Zone and Vendor parking regulations on the west side of James Street. There is no TTC service on James Street.
Albert Street, between Bay Street and James Street Avenue is a local road that operates one-way westbound, on a pavement width of 9.3 metres. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the roadway. There is no TTC service on James Street.

The parking regulations on the subject section of Albert Street are as follows:

North side:

- "Taxicab Stand, Anytime, except 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday", between a point 30 metres east of Bay Street and a point 20 metres further east;
- "No Stopping, Anytime", between James Street and a point 27 metres east;
- "No Parking, Anytime", between a point 29 metres east of Bay Street and a point 3 metres further east; and
- "Pay & Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday", between James Street and Bay Street.

South side:

- "No Stopping, Anytime", between a point 28.3 metres east of Bay Street and James Street; and
- "Accessible Loading Zone, Anytime", between a point 16.3 metres east of Bay Street and a point 12 metres further east.

The current location of the accessible loading zone was approved in 2006 to assist in providing Wheel Trans an on-street loading zone to pick-up/drop-off persons with accessible needs to and from Old City Hall. As for the vendor parking regulation, Toronto and East York Community Council approved this regulation in 2011 to facilitate vending operations on James Street.

In view of the above, Transportation Services recommends that the accessible loading zone on the west side of James Street be relocated to the south side of Albert Street, between a point 9 metres west of James Street a point 15 metres further west. On behalf of Municipal Licensing and Standards, it is also recommended that the existing vendor parking regulation on the west side of James Street be relocated to the south side of Albert Street, between a point 24 metres west of James Street and a point 5.5 metres further west.

The above recommendations will facilitate safe and efficient outbound manoeuvres of heavy vehicles at the construction site access on James Street, as well as relocate both the Wheel Trans and vending operations to a nearby safe location on Albert Street.
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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