

Parking Amendments - Dundas Street West

Date: May 11, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting 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 Dundas Street West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing parking regulations on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street. The proposed changes will include the removal of the existing motor coach/bus parking zone which is no longer being utilized, and adjustments to the remaining parking regulations on this block.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council amend the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.25 per hour on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and a point 70.5 metres west of Huron Street, to be in effect between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street.
2. City Council amend the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.25 per hour on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and a point 70.5 metres west of Huron Street, to be in effect between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street.

3. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Dundas Street West, between a point 72 metres east of Spadina Avenue and a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street, to be in effect between a point 58 metres east of Spadina Avenue and a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street.
4. City Council rescind the existing designated bus parking zone in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a maximum period of 2 hours on the north side of Dundas Street West, between a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street and a point 40 metres further west.
5. City Council rescind the existing designated bus parking zone in effect from 6:30 p.m. of one day to 7:30 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and anytime on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, for a maximum period of 13 hours on the north side of Dundas Street West, between a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street and a point 40 metres further west.
6. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times (buses excepted, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. of one day to 7:30 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, all times, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays) on the north side of Dundas Street West, between a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street and a point 40 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street, is a major arterial road that operates with two lanes in each direction on a pavement width of about 12.8 metres. It has a daily traffic volume of about 16,000 vehicles and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Transit service on Dundas Street West is provided by the '505 Dundas' streetcar.

The parking regulations on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street are generally as follows:

- "Pay-and-Display Parking, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday " between Spadina Avenue and a point 70.5 metres west of Huron Street;
- "Bus Parking Zone" from a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street and a point 40 metres further west;
- "No Parking, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday" from a point 72 metres east of Spadina Avenue and a point 30.5 metres west of Huron Street;
- "No Stopping, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except public holidays" between Spadina Avenue and University Avenue; and
- "No Standing Anytime" from Spadina Avenue and a point 72 metres east (TTC Stop)

The City of Toronto has designated parking spaces exclusively for the use of motor coaches/buses in the Downtown Core, surrounding the Central Business District and Port Lands area. These parking spaces are used to accommodate the motor coach tour industry and the significant number of school groups arriving by bus to attend cultural and sporting events in the central Toronto area.

In late 2016, Transportation Services undertook a review of all the existing motor coach/bus parking zones in the City's downtown core to determine the accuracy of the existing by-laws, condition of existing signage and whether the parking spaces continue to be utilized.

During the course of the review, Transportation Services identified conflicts with the existing parking by-laws and posted signage on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street. Specifically, the motor coach/bus parking zone currently operates within the pay-and-display parking limits, resulting in an overlap and parking conflict on this block. There are approximately ten on-street pay-and-display parking spaces on this section of Dundas Street West. Implementation of the by-lawed parking regulations, including the motor coach/bus parking zone, will result in the loss of approximately seven on-street pay-and-display parking spaces.

Councillor Joe Cressy's office consulted with the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (CBIA) to discuss the potential loss of pay-and-display parking on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Huron Street due to improper signage. The CBIA informed Councillor Joe Cressy's office that the existing motor coach/bus parking zone was no longer being utilized, and therefore could be removed.

In this regard, Transportation Services is reporting to have the existing motor coach/bus parking zone located on the north side of Dundas Street West removed, and allow pay-and-display parking to exclusively operate on this block.

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

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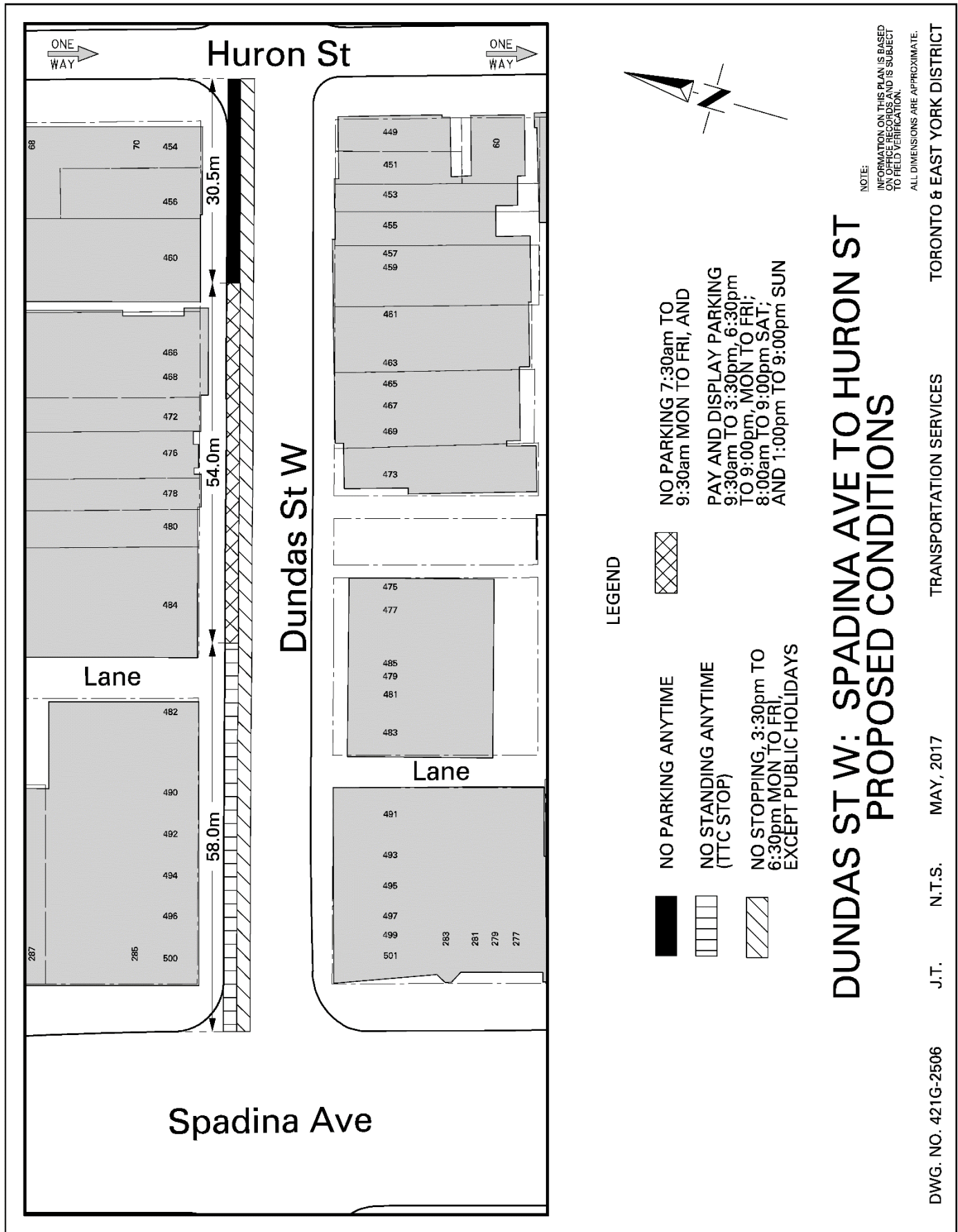
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2506, dated May 2017

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DUNDAS ST W: SPADINA AVE TO HURON ST PROPOSED CONDITIONS

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