Parking Amendments - Isabella Street

Date: May 1, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
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 implement standing prohibitions on the north and south sides of Isabella Street, east of Yonge Street. The proposed regulations will discourage motorists from parking in front of George Hislop Park and Norman Jewison Park, enhancing sight lines and access between the parks for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed changes will result in the loss of about three on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Isabella Street, between Yonge Street and Sherbourne Street, to operate between Yonge Street and Gloucester Lane and between a point 31 metres east of Gloucester Lane and Sherbourne Street.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Isabella Street, between Gloucester Lane and a point 31 metres east.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Isabella Street, between Yonge Street and a point 62 metres east, to operate between Yonge Street and Gloucester Lane.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing pay and display parking in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday at a rate of $3.00 per hour, for a maximum period of 3 hours, on the south side of Isabella Street, between a point 62 metres east of Yonge Street and a point 38 metres further east, to operate between a point 23 metres east of Gloucester Lane and a point 22 metres further east.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Isabella Street, between Gloucester Lane and a point 23 metres east.

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

At the request of Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of enacting standing prohibitions on Isabella Street, east of Yonge Street, to enhance the safety and operation of two parks located on the north and south sides of the road.

Isabella Street, between Yonge Street and Church Street, is a collector road that operates one-way eastbound on a pavement width of about 7 metres. Sidewalks are provided on both sides and it has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on this section of the road. There are two parks on Isabella Street, east of Gloucester Lane. George Hislop Park (No. 20 Isabella Street) is located on the north side of the road and Norman Jewison Park (No. 13 Isabella Street) is located on the south side of the road.

The parking regulations on Isabella Street, east of Yonge Street, are as follows:

**North side**
- Parking is prohibited at all times, for the entire block.

**South side**
- Parking is prohibited at all times, between Yonge Street and a point 62 metres east;
• Pay and display parking operates from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, between a point 62 metres east of Yonge Street and a point 38 metres further east; and
• three-hour time limit parking is permitted at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Based on the review and consultation with Councillor Wong-Tam's office, the proposed standing prohibitions on this section of Isabella Street will enhance the sight lines and the crossings between the parks for pedestrians and cyclists by discouraging motorists from parking in front of the parks. The regulations will still allow for the pick-up and drop-off of passengers destined to/from the parks. Transportation Services' April 10, 2017 field visit did not disclose any vehicles parked in front of the parks as this area was under construction.

The standing prohibitions will result in the loss of about three on-street parking spaces on the south side of Isabella Street.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2484, dated May 2017