Parking Amendments - Asquith Avenue and Collier Street

Date: May 8, 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 a standing prohibition at all times on the north side of Asquith Avenue, between Church Street and St. Paul's Square, and on both sides of Collier Street, between Church Street and Park Road. The proposed regulations will replace existing parking prohibitions and will discourage motorists from parking, enhancing the sight lines and the two-way flow of traffic on these streets. These changes will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces.

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 at all times on the north side of Asquith Avenue, between Church Street and St. Paul's Square.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council enact a standing prohibition at all times on the north side of Asquith Avenue, between Church Street and St. Paul's Square.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Collier Street, between Church Street and Park Road.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council enact a standing prohibition at all times on both sides of Collier Street, between Church Street and Park Road.

**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 Asquith Avenue and Collier Street to discourage parking and enhance the sight lines and traffic flows on these streets.

Asquith Avenue, between Church Street and St. Paul's Square, is a collector road that operates two-way traffic. It has a pavement width of about 7.3 metres and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Asquith Avenue. The by-lawed parking regulations on this section of Asquith Avenue are as follows:

**North side**
- Parking is prohibited at all times.

**South side**
- Parking is prohibited, except by permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, for the entire block;
- Parking is prohibited at all times between Church Street and a point 9 metres east;
- A daycare pick-up/drop-off area has been designated between a point 9 meters east of Church Street and a point 25 metres further east, with the following regulations:
  - Parking is prohibited, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sundays;
  - 15 minute maximum parking is permitted, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- Parking is prohibited, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily between a point 34 metres east of Church Street and St. Paul's Square; and
- Three-hour time limit parking at all other times where permitted (unsigned, statutory).
A site review on May 4, 2017 disclosed the signage that is currently posted on Asquith Avenue reflects the by-lawed regulations. There were no illegally parked vehicles noted during the site visit.

Collier Street, between Church Street and Park Road, is a collector road that operates two-way traffic. It has a pavement width of about 5.5 metres, a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of about 3,600 vehicles. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Collier Street. The by-lawed parking regulations on this section of Collier Street are as follows:

**North side**
- Three-hour time limit parking (unsigned, statutory).

**South side**
- Parking is prohibited at all times.

A site review on May 4, 2017 disclosed a discrepancy between the by-lawed and posted signage. The north side of Collier Street has posted signage indicating that parking is prohibited at all times. This signage has been in place for a number of years. One illegally parked vehicle was noted during the site visit.

When vehicles are parked on the north side of Asquith Avenue or on either side of Collier Street, the remaining pavement width is less than the desired width for two-way traffic or the passage of emergency vehicles. Based on the review and consultation with Councillor Wong-Tam’s office, the proposed standing prohibitions on the subject sections of Asquith Avenue and Collier Street will enhance the sight lines and the two-way flow of traffic on both these streets.

The proposed standing prohibitions will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces on either Asquith Avenue or Collier Street.
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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