Parking Amendments - Coady Avenue

Date: August 16, 2017
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 have reviewed the feasibility of expanding the existing parking islands on the west side of Coady Avenue, between Queen Street East and Mallon Avenue. Our assessment indicates that the current island parking segments are substantially longer than the required maximum length of 11 metres as set out in the island parking guidelines. Expanding the island parking segments further will negatively impact Toronto Fire Services operations. In view of this, Transportation Services does not recommend expanding this existing parking island.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council receive this report for information.

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 May 2, 2017, referred Item TE24.54 back to Transportation Services, requesting Transportation Services to further investigate the feasibility of expanding the existing parking islands on Coady Avenue between Queen Street East and Mallon Avenue, to increase parking supply without the negative effects of double sided parking outlined in the original report (dated March 29, 2017) and to report to the September 6, 2017 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting. The Council decision can be found at:

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions
Coady Avenue, between Queen Street East and Mallon Avenue, is a local roadway which operates one-way, northbound, with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. The pavement width is about 7.32 metres. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Coady Avenue, between Queen Street East and Mallon Avenue:

West Side:
- Parking by permit only, from 12:00 midnight of one day to 12:00 midnight of the following day, all times.
- Parking is prohibited from Dec. 1 of one year to Mar 31 of the next following year, inclusive.
- Parking is prohibited, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive; between a point 65 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 111.5 metres north of Queen Street East, between a point 159.5 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 155.5 metres south of Mallon Ave, between a point 112.5 metres south of Mallon Avenue and a point 56 metres south of Mallon Avenue.

East Side:
- Parking by permit only, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., at all times. Otherwise parking is allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours.

There is no TTC service provided on Coady Avenue. As outlined above, island parking currently exists on Coady Avenue.

The guidelines used by the City of Toronto for the implementation of island parking, on one-way operation roadways, are as follows:

- Parking islands be restricted to 10 to 11 metres in length to accommodate a maximum of two vehicles
- No parking zones between islands be a minimum length of 36 metres
- Minimum driving lane of 3.3 metres width must be maintained
- Corner parking restrictions be posted at 15 metres at access end of the roadway
- Islands only be in effect during non-winter months and available for use by permit holders only.
These guidelines were established in consultation with Toronto Fire Services in order to effectively ensure street access, unobstructed passage along the street is maintained and adequate space for deployment of fire-fighting equipment when parking islands are present on narrow streets.

The existing island parking configuration on the west side of Coady Avenue, between Queen Street East and Mallon Avenue, does not meet these requirements. The segments (islands) of permitted parking each substantially exceeds the maximum allowed length of 11 metres (refer to the attached Drawing 421G-2623, dated August 2017.) The permitted parking segment lengths range from approximately 43 metres to 50 metres long. Taking into consideration corner parking prohibitions, and driveways which fall within these permitted parking segments, approximately 172.5 metres of available parking space remains. This provides approximately 31 existing parking spaces.

Rescinding the existing parking prohibitions on the west side of Coady Avenue, and applying the island parking guidelines will result in a loss of approximately 17 on-street parking spaces.

Transportation Services recommends to maintain the current parking configuration on Coady Avenue, between Queen Street East and Mallon Avenue, and not to expand the island parking segments on the west side of this roadway. This will ensure that Toronto Fire Services has sufficient space to safely deploy fire-fighting equipment, and are able to efficiently access properties on the west side of Coady Avenue, particularly within the segments where parking is currently permitted.

Fire Services Comments:
Fire Services were consulted to ensure that the design and layout of any parking proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Fire Services provided their comments in the attached letter, dated August 3, 2017 (Appendix A.) Fire Services have expressed concerns that expansion of existing on-street parking will not provide the adequate roadway space required for travel and the deployment of resources.
In view of the above, Transportation Services does not recommend any amendments to existing parking regulations.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421G-2623, dated August 2017
Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated August 3, 2017

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Transportation Services
Traffic Operations
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RE: Coady Avenue between Queen and Mallon, proposed expansion of existing parking islands segments on west side.

I have reviewed the information circulated regarding the proposed expansion of the existing parking islands on the west side of Coady Avenue, and have the following comments/concerns.

Based on the background information circulated (October 2, 1996 – City Services Committee) it appears that Coady Avenue parking islands were installed on a pilot basis. It is unknown what the original design/installation of the parking islands on Coady Avenue was however, it is clear that subsequent installations (such as Victor Avenue) had a number of more stringent conditions implemented as a result of concerns raised by Fire Services. These conditions were established in order to ensure street access, passage along street and space for deployment of firefighting equipment.

One of the conditions established is a maximum length restriction of 10 to 11 metres to accommodate a maximum of two vehicles. The existing parking islands on Coady Avenue far exceed the restrictive length and as such Fire Services do not support any type of expansion to parking. Any additional parking would have a negative impact on our service delivery as responding apparatus will have less roadway space available for travel and deployment of resources.

Regards,

Terry Bruining
Fire Service