

Parking Amendments - McCaul Street, between Baldwin Street and Elm Street

Date: September 22, 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 McCaul Street, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing parking regulations on the west side of McCaul Street, between Baldwin Street and Elm Street. The proposed changes will improve sightlines and safety for pedestrians crossing at the intersection of McCaul Street and Elm Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council amend the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of McCaul Street, between Baldwin Street and Elm Street, to be in effect from Baldwin Street and a point 32.5 metres south of Baldwin Street.
2. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of McCaul Street, between a point 32.5 metres south of Baldwin Street and a point 34.5 metres further south.

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

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Joe Cressy to review the intersection of McCaul Street and Elm Street in order to improve the pedestrian crossing environment.

McCaul Street, between Baldwin Street and Elm Street, is a collector roadway that operates two-way (northbound and southbound) on a pavement width of about 11 metres. It has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Transit service is provided on McCaul Street by the '502 Downtowner' streetcar.

The following parking regulations are in effect on McCaul Street, between Baldwin Street and Elm Street:

West Side

- No Parking Anytime

East Side

- Pay-and-Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday
- No Parking Anytime, Except By Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Based on a field survey that was undertaken recently, it was determined that motorists are frequently parking on the west side of McCaul Street, between Baldwin Street and Elm Street. These vehicles are often parking in close proximity to the intersection of McCaul Street and Elm Street, obstructing sight lines and the southbound all-way stop control.

In order to improve the pedestrian crossing environment at the intersection of McCaul Street and Elm Street, Transportation Services is recommending that stopping be prohibited at all times on the west side of McCaul Street, between a point 32.5 metres south of Baldwin Street and a point 34.5 metres further south. This parking amendment will deter parking within this area improving sight lines, and should ensure that pedestrians are visible to oncoming traffic. In addition, the southbound all-way stop control at this intersection will be more visible to motorists on McCaul Street with the implementation of this parking proposal.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2687, dated September 2017

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