

Parking Amendments - Strathmore Boulevard

Date: October 27, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 31, Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Strathmore Boulevard, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to designate a passenger loading zone on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard, west of Woodbine Avenue, as well as a passenger loading zone and taxi stand on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, east of Woodbine Avenue.

The proposed changes will facilitate safe and efficient pick-up/drop-off activity of passengers travelling to and from the Woodbine Transit Station.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the existing taxicab stand in effect at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 9 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 44 metres further east.
2. City Council rescind the existing no parking in effect at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 81 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue.
3. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in affect at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 44 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 81 metres further east.
4. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 27 metres further east, and a point 54 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 32 metres further east.

5. City Council designate a passenger loading zone to be in effect at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 27 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 11 metres further east.
6. City Council designate a taxicab stand to operate at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 38 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 16 metres further east, and a point 86 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 22 metres further east.
7. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Cedarvale Avenue and point 34 metres west.
8. City Council rescind the existing no parking in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday only, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 33.7 metres west.
9. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 9 metres further west.
10. City Council designate a passenger loading zone to operate at all times on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 9 metres west of Woodbine Avenue and a point 17 metres further west.
11. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard, between a point 26 metres west of Woodbine Avenue and a point 7 metres further west.
12. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 33 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

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Janet Davis to review the feasibility of designating passenger loading and taxi stand zones in the vicinity of the Woodbine Transit Station entrances.

Strathmore Boulevard is designed as a two-way east/west local road with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. Strathmore Boulevard between Woodmount Avenue and Woodbine Avenue has a pavement width of about 8.5 metres and daily traffic volume of 1,000 vehicles. Strathmore Boulevard between Woodbine Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue has a pavement width of about 11.4 metres, and a daily traffic volume of about 2,600 vehicles.

The existing parking bylaws for Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and Coleridge Avenue are as follows:

North Side

- No Parking Anytime.

South Side

- Taxicab Stand Anytime, between a point 9 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 44 metres further east; and
- No Stopping Anytime, between a point 44 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 31 metres further east.

The existing parking bylaws for Strathmore Boulevard, between Woodbine Avenue and Woodmount Avenue are as follows:

North Side

- No Parking, Anytime, between Coxwell Avenue and a point 162 metres east of Woodmount Avenue.

South Side

- No Parking Anytime, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday only, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 33.7 metres west;
- One hour parking, 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 76.2 metres east of Coxwell Avenue and a point 162.3 metres east of Woodmount Avenue; and
- Overnight Permit Parking, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., between Coxwell Avenue to a point 163.6 metres east of Woodmount Avenue.

Woodbine Transit Station is located on the east side of Woodbine Avenue about 35 metres north of Danforth Avenue. Transit buses access the station via a one-way eastbound circular driveway entering from the east side of Woodbine Avenue and exit northbound from the south side of Strathmore Boulevard. TTC has recently upgraded its transit station and installed a new station entrance at the northwest corner of Woodbine Avenue and Strathmore Boulevard.

Transportation Services, Cycling Unit have also recently introduced northbound and southbound curb side cycle track and bicycle lanes on Woodbine Avenue between O'Connor Drive and Queen Street East, which resulted in the elimination of drop-off and pick-up activity on Woodbine Avenue directly in front of the station entrance.

In order to facilitate the safe and efficient pick-up and drop-off of passenger to Woodbine Transit Station, staff recommends the installation of the following designated zones:

- Passenger loading zone on the north side of Strathmore Boulevard from a point 9 metres west of Woodbine Avenue to a point 17 metres further west;
- Passenger loading zone on the south side Strathmore Boulevard from a point 27 metres east of Woodbine Avenue to a point 11 metres further east; and
- Taxi Stand zone on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard between a point 38 metres east of Woodbine Avenue and a point 16 metres further east.

Both of the passenger loading zones will operate during all times of the day, and will accommodate two vehicles on the south side of Strathmore Boulevard, east of Woodbine Avenue, and three vehicles on the north side of Strathmore Avenue, west of Woodbine Avenue.

As noted above, the existing designated Taxi Stand area on the south side of Strathmore Avenue will be reduced from six to three spaces in order to accommodate the passenger loading zone. However, in order to accommodate taxi service, four new spots are recommended further east of the Woodbine Transit Station exit.

The above recommendation will facility for the safe and efficient pick-up and drop-off of TTC transit patrons and access to additional taxis.

House-keeping issues

The staff review also detected inconsistencies in the traffic bylaw related to the current signed parking regulations on Strathmore Boulevard. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 8.

Councillor Janet Davis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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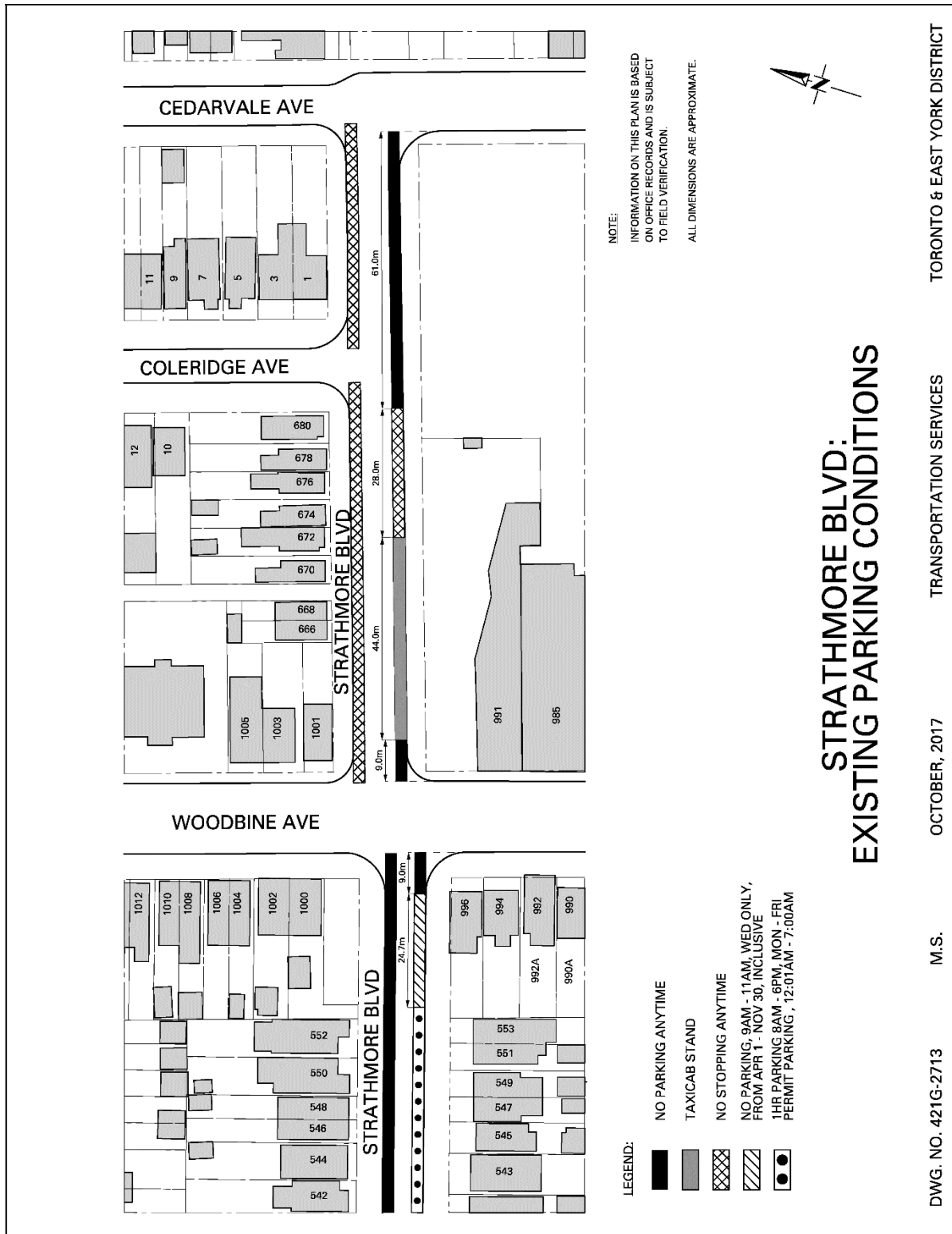
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2713 and 421G-2715 dated Oct 2017

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