

Parking Amendments - Queen's Park

Date: January 29, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina
Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Queen's Park, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to designate a passenger loading zone within the lay-by located on the west side of Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and Queen's Park Crescent West fronting the Royal Ontario Museum entrance. The proposed changes will facilitate efficient pick-up/drop-off activity of patrons attending the Royal Ontario Museum and deter long-term parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the existing passenger loading zone regulation in effect at all times on the west side of Queen's Park, between a point 37 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 15 metres further south.
2. City Council rescind the existing school bus loading zone regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday, on the west side of Queen's Park, between a point 50.3 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 93 metres further south.
3. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Queen's Park, between Queen's Park Crescent and a point 52 metres south of Bloor Street West.
4. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and a point 37 metres south.

5. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and a point 43 metres south.
6. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Queen's Park, between a point 54 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 92.5 metres further south.
7. City Council designate a passenger loading zone to operate all times on the west side of Queen's Park, between a point 54 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 92.5 metres further south.
8. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Queen's Park, between a point 146.5 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 135.5 metres further south.
9. City Council prohibit stopping in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Queen's Park, between a point 146.5 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 135.5 metres further south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) to review the feasibility of amending the parking regulations within the lay-by fronting their building on the west side of Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and Queen's Park Crescent West, to deter long-term parking and improve pick-up/drop-off activities.

Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and Queen's Park Crescent West, is a major arterial road that operates with three lanes in each direction on a pavement width of about 20 metres. It has a daily traffic volume of about 31,000 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Transit service on Queen's Park is provided by the "5 Avenue Road" bus.

The parking regulations on the west side of Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and Queen's Park Crescent West are generally as follows:

- "No stopping, anytime - except by Vendor M" from a point 122 metres south of Bloor Street West;
- "Passenger loading zone" from a point 37 metres south of Bloor Street West to a point 15 metres further south; and
- "School bus loading zone, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday" from a point 50.3 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 93 metres further south.

The Royal Ontario Museum is located at No. 100 Queen's Park. The ROM is Canada's international museum of art, culture, and nature and is visited by over 1 million people annually. In the Spring of 2017, the ROM began work to revitalize the historic Weston Entrance (ROM's east building entrance), which had been closed to the public for approximately 10 years. The improvements included replacing and widening the exterior stairs, constructing a new accessibility ramp, and replacing the doors to the entrance. The Weston Entrance was reopened to the public on December 12, 2017 and will serve as an additional public entry point for patrons.

In conjunction with the Weston Entrance reopening, ROM staff requested that Transportation Services review the existing parking regulations within the lay-by fronting this entrance in order to deter long-term parking, and generate parking turn-over within this area by allowing pick-up/drop-off activities only. Observations revealed that school buses, tour buses, and taxi cabs often park in this area long-term, although, it is only intended for receiving and discharging passengers. In this regard, Transportation Services is recommending that a "Passenger Loading Zone" be established along the entire length of lay-by on the west side of Queen's Park, between Bloor Street West and Queen's Park Crescent West. This passenger loading zone will operate during all times of the day, and will offer patrons attending the ROM with a safe and efficient pick-up/drop-off area.

Councillor Joe Cressy and Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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