

Parking Regulation Amendment - Pritchard Avenue between Florence Crescent and Jane Street

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 5 – York South-Weston

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Etobicoke York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to introduce a 'No Standing Anytime' regulation on the south side of Pritchard Avenue, from Florence Crescent to a point 30.5 metres further east, to improve traffic flow in the area. The proposed parking amendment is the result of consultation with the ward Councillor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive and from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the south side of Pritchard Avenue, from Florence Crescent to a point 30.5 metres east.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Pritchard Avenue from Florence Crescent to a point 30.5 metres east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the 'No Standing Anytime' signs on Pritchard Avenue is approximately \$500.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services investigated a request from the ward Councillor, on behalf of a resident, regarding concerns with vehicles making illegal right turns from Pritchard Avenue onto Florence Crescent which is designated as one-way southbound only street, resulting in unsafe driving. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Pritchard Avenue, between Florence Crescent and Jane Street is 8.5 metre wide operating two-way traffic and is classified in the City of Toronto's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. The statutory speed limit is 50 km/h.

Currently, from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, parking is allowed on the north side and permit parking is allowed from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. During these same months, from April 1st to November 30th, from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, vehicles are permitted to park on the south side and permit parking is allowed from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. During the winter months (December 1st to March 31st) parking is only allowed on the north side. Three-hour time limit parking at all other times (unsigned, statutory) is in effect on either side of the street during the "alternate side parking" period.

Although the data collected indicates that the number of vehicles completing the right turn manoeuvre from Pritchard Avenue to Florence Crescent is not significant, this movement is neither legal nor desirable in this residential area. Therefore, to deter this movement, Transportation Services recommends narrowing the turning radius on the northeast corner of Florence Crescent and Pritchard Avenue, thus discouraging motorists from making this sharp turn. This road alteration work is proposed to be carried out in 2019.

However, to facilitate emergency vehicles, specially fire trucks turning southeast from Florence Crescent to Pritchard Avenue it has been determined that a no standing anytime regulation on the south side of Pritchard Avenue from Florence Crescent to a point 30.5 metres further east would be most appropriate.

The aforementioned parking regulation amendment will allow for safer unobstructed vehicle turning movements to occur where the road will be narrowed.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Location Plan (Parking Regulation Amendment - Pritchard Avenue)

Attachment 1: Location Map - Pritchard Avenue at Florence Crescent

