

Parking Amendments - Kennard Avenue

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 6 - York Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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 is requesting North York Community Council to amend the parking regulations on Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Shaftesbury Street.

The proposed parking amendments will address parking concerns during the operating times of the nearby Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto School and they will be consistent with the adjacent sections of Kennard Avenue and Shaftesbury Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Kennard Avenue, between Shaftesbury Street and Wilmington Avenue.
2. Prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Wilmington Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000, City Council approved North York Community Council Report No. 9, Clause No. 15, which prohibited parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on both sides of Kennard Avenue, between Shaftsbury Street and Wilmington Avenue, and on both sides of Shaftsbury Street, between Clifton Avenue and Pannahill Road. The Council decision can be found at: <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2000/agendas/council/cc/cc000801/ny9rpt/cl015.pdf>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor James Pasternak, on behalf of local residents, to prohibit weekday, daytime parking on both sides of Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Shaftesbury Street. The proposed parking amendments will address concerns with students and visitors for The Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto School parking on this street.

Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Shaftesbury Street, is a local street that operates with two-way traffic. It has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, as speed humps have been installed. It has daily two-way traffic volume of about 2,200 vehicles and the pavement width is 8.5 metres. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Kennard Avenue.

Parking is generally permitted at all times on both sides of Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Shaftesbury Street, for a maximum period of three hours. The former City of North York's overnight winter parking prohibition is also in effect on this street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., December 1 to March 31. Both these regulations are statutory and are unsigned.

In the adjacent section of Kennard Avenue, between Shaftesbury Street and Wilmington Avenue, parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of the street. This regulation was introduced in 2000, in addition to changes on the adjacent section of Shaftesbury Street, to address the operational concerns associated with students and visitors parking for the nearby Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto School.

The Anne and Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto is a secondary school located at No. 200 Wilmington Avenue, north of Kennard Avenue. It has frontage and vehicle access on Wilmington Avenue, Overbrook Place and Shaftesbury Street. Parking is prohibited on the school's frontages during the weekday, daytime periods.

It is reported that students and visitors for the school park their vehicles on both sides of Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Shaftesbury Street. This results in a reduced width for two-way traffic flow and impedes larger vehicles and street maintenance activities. The parked vehicles may also reduce the sightlines for the numerous driveway accesses on this street.

In order to address the concerns of local residents, Transportation Services supports a parking prohibition on both sides of the street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The proposed parking prohibition will address the two-way traffic flow and sightline concerns and will provide a consistent parking regulation on Kennard Avenue, between Honiton Street and Wilmington Avenue. However, the proposed parking prohibition may inconvenience visitors and tradespersons wishing to park on this section of Kennard Avenue during the weekday, daytime periods.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Kennard Avenue