

Parking Amendments - Downsview Park Boulevard

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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 that 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 existing parking regulations on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard, between Keele Street and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard in order to address the community concerns regarding the lack of parking on Downsview Park Boulevard.

The proposed parking amendment will provide three-hours maximum parking to access the Downsview Park and there will be no impact to traffic operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times, on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard, between Keele Street and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

North York Community Council, at its meeting on July 23, 2018, adopted item NY33.3 and approved the parking prohibition at all times on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard, between Keele Street and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard. The Community Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.NY33.3>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services, was requested by Councillor James Pasternak, on behalf of local residents to review the feasibility of allowing parking on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard, between Keele Street and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard, located in the Stanley Greene Neighbourhood.

The Stanley Greene Neighbourhood is located on the east side of Keele Street, between Wilson Avenue and Sheppard Avenue West. This is a new development which includes dedicated streets (Public Roads Unassumed), residential housing units and Downsview Park.

Downsview Park Boulevard is a two-way dedicated public street. A four metre wide median island separates the east-west traffic lanes with an approximate pavement width of 6.3 metres in each direction. It has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h, sidewalks are provided on both sides of the street and a three metre wide bicycle trail is provided on the south side of the street. Currently, there is no TTC service provided on Downsview Park Boulevard.

Downsview Park is a large urban park, located on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard, between Keele Street and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard. This park includes park roads with cycling trail and connections to Keele Street to the west, Sheppard Avenue West to the north and Downsview Park Boulevard to the south.

Parking is prohibited on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard at all times. Parking is permitted on the south side of the road for a maximum of 12-hours, 8:00 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, between Stanley Greene Boulevard and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard. Three-hour time limit parking is in effect at all other times on the south side of the road.

Transportation Services staff have confirmed that there is pedestrian access to Downsview Park from Downsview Park Boulevard. The review disclosed that recent construction has provided paved accesses on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard at George Butchart Drive, Stanley Greene Boulevard and Frederick Tisdale Drive. Recently developed residential units are located on the south side of the

Downsview Park Boulevard are generally utilizing the existing parking spaces provided on the south side of the road.

Therefore, in order to address the community concerns regarding the lack of parking on Downsview Park Boulevard, Transportation Services has no objection to implementing a three-hour maximum parking on the north side of Downsview Park Boulevard, between Keele Street and the east end of Downsview Park Boulevard.

The proposed parking amendment will provide maximum three-hour parking on the north side of the road, adjacent to the Downsview Park for local community and visitors and will not adversely impact the flow of westbound traffic on Downsview Park Boulevard.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Downsview Park Boulevard - Parking Amendment

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