

Parking Amendments - Risa Boulevard

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To: North York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence

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 prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Risa Boulevard, between Dufferin Street and a point 61 metres east of Dufferin Street, to a standing prohibition in effect at all times from Dufferin Street to Topview Court.

The proposed standing prohibition will discourage drivers from waiting on-street while their passenger is in the McDonald's restaurant on the north side of the street. This activity obstructs two-way traffic and causes traffic congestion on Risa Boulevard that can extend to Dufferin Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Risa Boulevard, between Dufferin Street and a point 61 metres east of Dufferin Street.
2. Authorize a standing prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Risa Boulevard, between Dufferin Street and Topview Court.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with changing the parking signs are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Mike Colle, on behalf of area residents, to prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Risa Boulevard, between Dufferin Street and Topview Court. This is in order to address residents' concerns with drivers obstructing traffic while waiting for their passengers in the McDonald's restaurant on the north side of street.

The McDonald's restaurant is located on the north east corner of the intersection of Dufferin Street and Risa Boulevard. The restaurant parking lot has driveways on both streets and a drive-through window that is accessible from both driveways.

Dufferin Street is a 15 metre wide, major arterial street that operates free flow and Risa Boulevard is a stop controlled, 8.5 metre wide, two-way local street that runs east from Dufferin Street. Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Risa Boulevard, and also at all times on the north side between Dufferin Street and Topview Court.

Observations during the morning peak period, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on April 17, 2019 confirmed that drivers wait/stand on the north side of Risa Boulevard while their passengers are in the McDonald's restaurant. This activity obstructed westbound traffic on Risa Boulevard. At the same time the queue to the restaurant drive-thru frequently extended onto Risa Boulevard, which obstructed eastbound traffic. On three occasions the eastbound queue extended to Dufferin Street.

Prohibiting standing on the north side of Risa Boulevard, between Dufferin Street and Topview Court, will discourage drivers from waiting for passengers in this area. Maintaining a clear westbound lane will allow eastbound traffic that is waiting to turn into the drive-thru to queue closer to the north side of the street so other eastbound traffic can pass. To promote this behaviour, the painted centre line will be relocated 1.5 metres closer to the north side of the street.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Risa Boulevard

