

Parking Amendments - Carlaw Avenue

Date: February 28, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Carlaw Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Carlaw Avenue, between Dundas Street East and a point 73 metres north, within the vicinity of the access that services No. 345 to No. 349 Carlaw Avenue. The proposed stopping prohibition is recommended in order to improve sight lines and address safety concerns expressed by residents exiting the driveway of the above-mentioned properties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between a point 52.7 metres north of Dundas Street East and a point 20.3 metres further north.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between a point 52.7 metres north of Dundas Street east and a point 20.3 metres further north, and between a point 63 meters south of Dundas Street East and a point 57 metres south of Dundas Street East.
3. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between a point 52.7 metres north of Dundas Street east and a point 20.3 metres further north.

4. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between a point 93 metres south of Dundas Avenue East and a point 63 metres south of Dundas Avenue East, to be in effect between a point 94 metres south of Dundas Avenue East and a point 57 metres south of Dundas Street East.
5. City Council rescind the existing maximum two-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between a point 63 metres south of Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East (north intersection).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Carlaw Avenue is designed as a minor arterial roadway that operates two-way north-south traffic on a pavement width of about 12.2 metres. The daily average two-way traffic volume is about 10,000 vehicles, and the regulatory speed limit is 50 km/h. Heavy trucks are permitted at all times within this segment of Carlaw Avenue. There is TTC service provided by "72 Pape" and "325 Don Mills" buses.

In response to a 311 inquiry, Transportation Services reviewed existing sightlines for the immediate area south of the access for No. 345 to No. 349 Carlaw Avenue and examined the feasibility of prohibiting standing within this area. Concerns were expressed regarding vehicles parked on the east side of Carlaw Avenue obstructing the view of northbound traffic.

When assessing sightline conditions, the City utilizes several factors including driver perception, driver reaction, driver eye height, object height, vehicle operating speed and deceleration rate. When assessing the sightlines, it was noted that a westbound motorist exiting the access had an obstructed view of northbound traffic by parked vehicles on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, south of the access.

Prohibiting standing at all times in the vicinity of the access that services No. 345 to No. 349 Carlaw Avenue will deter on-street parking or standing in this area, thereby improving sightlines for motorists' exiting onto Carlaw Avenue. This proposal will result in the removal of one on-street pay-and-display parking space.

Housekeeping Issues

During the course of our investigation, it was also noted a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking by-laws on Carlaw Avenue. The approval of recommendations 4 and 5 will correct this inconsistency.

Councillor Paula Fletcher has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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