

Parking Amendments - Alvin Avenue

Date: February 28, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

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 approval to amend the existing no standing anytime regulation on the east side of Alvin Avenue, between a point 45 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and a point 52.5 metres further north, to be in effect from a point 45 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and a point 40 metres south of Heath Street East. This is in response to concerns received from property owners of Alvin Avenue regarding accessible permit holders parking in front of their properties which obstructs access, particularly for Wheel-Trans vehicles to their medical practices.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Alvin Avenue, between a point 97.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and a point 40 metres south of Heath Street East.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the east side of Alvin Avenue, between a point 97.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East a point 40 metres south of Heath Street East.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 1:00 a.m. of the next following day, daily on the east side of Alvin Avenue, between a point 97.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and a point 40 metres south of Heath Street East.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Alvin Avenue, between a point 70 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and a point 23 metres further north.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Alvin Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue East and a point 93 metres north.

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

On behalf of property owners on Alvin Avenue, Transportation Services has reviewed the request to amend the existing limits of the no standing anytime prohibition in order to deter long-term parking by accessible permit parking holders.

Existing Conditions

Alvin Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue East and Heath Street East is classified as a two-way north/south collector roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road and the pavement width is approximately 7.4 metres. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on Alvin Avenue.

The current traffic regulations for Alvin Avenue are as follows:

East Side

- No stopping anytime, between St. Clair Avenue East and a point 45 metres north;

- No standing anytime, between a point 45 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and a point 52.5 metres further north;
- No standing, from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 1:00 a.m. of the next following day, between a point 97.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and Heath Street East; and
- No parking, from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, between a point 97.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue East and Heath Street East.

West Side

- No stopping anytime, between St. Clair Avenue East and a point 70 metres north; and
- No standing anytime, between St. Clair Avenue East and Heath Street East.

The east side of Alvin Avenue is comprised of medical practices, residential homes and a Montessori School. The west side of Alvin Avenue has a commercial property and a residential home, but it is primarily comprised of a large off-street Municipal "Green P" paid parking lot.

The area residents of Nos. 25, 27, 29 and 31 Alvin Avenue have expressed concerns regarding long-term accessible permit holders parking in front of their properties which is obstructing access, particularly for Wheel-Trans vehicles to their medical practices.

Based on the parking regulations, accessible permit holders are permitted to park north of the Montessori School (No. 25 Alvin Avenue) to Heath Street East within the no parking section of Alvin Avenue where the medical practices are located, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., then it switches to no standing from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 1:00 a.m. the next day. Accessible permit holders are not permitted to park within a no standing prohibition.

Though the affected residents only requested an amendment of the existing no standing anytime prohibition from its existing location at No. 25 Alvin Avenue to No. 31 Alvin Avenue, in reviewing the area conditions, there are multiple driveways between No. 31 to No. 45 Alvin Avenue, therefore staff recommends the existing no standing anytime regulation south of No. 25 Alvin Avenue, be extended further north to No. 45 Alvin Avenue.

The proposed amendment will result in the loss of four parking spaces that can only be used by accessible permit holders. The proposed amendment will also allow drop-off and pick-up activity for the medical practices, and it addresses a previous request submitted to Traffic Operations from the Montessori School to provide additional areas for drop-off and pick-up activity.

Housekeeping Issues

A staff review detected inconsistencies in the traffic by-laws related to the current signed parking regulations on Alvin Avenue. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation Nos. 4 and 5.

Councillor Josh Matlow has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3312, dated February 2019

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