

Parking Amendments – Melita Avenue

Date: February 25, 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 rescind the alternate-side parking regulations on Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue. Parking will be provided on the both sides of the street year round and will provide additional on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from the 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, and from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the north side of Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from the 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 1st day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the south side of Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 1st day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the north side of Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, and from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the south side of Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., on both sides of Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost 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

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Josh Matlow, on behalf of local residents, to rescind the alternate side parking regulations on Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue, and provide parking year-round on the both sides of the street.

Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue, is a local east-west road that operates with two-way traffic. It has a pavement width of about 8.5 metres, a posted speed limit of 30 km/h and heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on Melita Avenue.

Alternate-side parking regulations are in effect on Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue. These regulations have been summarized as follows:

North Side

- No parking, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from 16th day to the last day of each month, April 1 to November 30, and from December 1 of one year to March 31 next year;
- No parking, except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 1st day to the 15th day of each month, and from April 1 to November 30; and
- Three-hour maximum parking limit at other times (unsigned, statutory).

South Side

- No parking, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from 1st day to the 15th day of each month, April 1 to November 30;
- No parking, except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 16th day to the last day of each month, April 1 to November 30 and from December 1 of one year to March 31 next year; and
- Three-hour maximum parking limit at other times (unsigned, statutory).

Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue, belongs to permit parking area 5C. Area 5C has 1,352 legal parking spaces and 864 residential permits have been issued. More specifically, this section of Melita Avenue has 49 spaces and 21 permits have been issued.

Residents have reported that the complicated parking regulations lead to a lot of parking tickets. Maintaining parking year-round on the both sides of the Melita Avenue would reduce the concern.

In addition, parking regulations on Ashworth Avenue, which is only a block away, are quite simple. Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, and a three-hour parking are in effect on both sides of Ashworth Avenue. Both Ashworth Avenue and Melita Avenue, east of Christie Street, are dead-end residential roadways with same road width and speed limits.

Therefore, residents on Melita Avenue, between Christie Street and the east end of Melita Avenue, have requested the removal of the alternate side parking and installation of same regulations as the ones on Ashworth Avenue.

It should be noted that this proposal may have negative impacts on the street cleaning on Melita Avenue. The proposed parking changes will require that cleaning be done manually instead of mechanically, which is less efficient and may not provide the level of cleaning the residents may be accustomed to. Also, there may be additional snow accumulations. However, residents on Ashworth Avenue have not raised their concerns.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

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