

## **Residential On-street Permit Parking - Results of Community Consultation and Potential Implementation Plan**

**Date:** April 1, 2019  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Wards 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 19

### **SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is responding to a request from Toronto and East York Community Council, Item TE27.49, to develop and implement a public consultation plan on the proposal to implement Residential On-street Permit Parking on streets that do not have permit parking in the Toronto and East York District.

In addition, Transportation Services were asked to undertake on-street parking field surveys to calculate the number of potential parking spaces that can be added to the current permit parking inventory from streets that fall within the (former) boundary of the Toronto and East York District that currently do not have permit parking.

Further consideration will also be given to Toronto and East York Community Council, Item TE2.76, to outline implementation timelines.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council receive this report for information.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no financial impacts associated with the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

## DECISION HISTORY

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A request was received from Toronto and East York Community Council requesting the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and York District, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on the potential policy changes and/or by-law amendments that would authorize Residential On-street Permit Parking on streets that currently do not have permit parking in the Toronto and East York District. The Committee Decision can be found at:  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.TE11.83>

A response to Toronto and East York Community Council's request was provided at its meeting of April 4, 2017, however the committee deferred Transportation Services' report to the May 2, 2017 meeting. The Committee Decision can be found at:  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE23.87>

At its meeting of May 2, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council requested the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, to provide additional information on the potential for policy changes and/or by-law amendments to allow for the implementation of the Residential On-street Permit Parking Program on streets that do not currently have permit parking in the Toronto and East York District.

The specific recommendations were to report on:

- a. list of the streets, that currently do not have Permit Parking, but could accommodate on-street parking;
- b. a proposed consultation plan including the option of a Special Meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council;
- c. more detailed cost and staffing implications for consideration prior to the 2018 budget process;
- d. proposed by-law amendments that do not require polling and petitions; and
- e. an implementation plan.

The Committee Decision can be found at:  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE24.60>

At its meeting of October 17, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council, requested the Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District to develop and implement a public consultation plan on the proposal to implement Residential On-street Permit Parking on streets that do not have permit parking in the Toronto and East York District. Additionally, Transportation Services were asked to undertake on-street parking field surveys to calculate the number of potential parking spaces that can be added to the current permit parking inventory from streets that fall within the (former) boundary of the Toronto and East York District that currently do not have permit parking.

The Committee decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE27.49>

At its meeting of January 15, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council, requested that Transportation Services bring forward recommendations and implementation timelines for the "Expansion of the Residential On-Street Permit Parking Program" report to the March 19, 2019 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council.

The Committee decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.TE2.76>

## **COMMENTS**

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Public Consultation Unit staff, in consultation with Transportation Services staff developed and implemented a public consultation plan to effectively solicit public opinion on the proposal by Toronto and East York Community Council to implement residential on-street permit parking on streets that do not have permit parking in the Toronto and East York District.

A description of the consultation plan, its various components and outcomes are outlined in the following report. Also outlined, are the results of an on-street parking field survey that was conducted by Transportation staff to calculate the number of potential parking spaces that can be added to the current permit parking inventory from streets that fall within the (former) boundary of the Toronto and East York District that currently do not have permit parking.

### **Public Consultation Plan**

The public consultation plan process consisted of three main components:

- Notification;
- Consultation (meetings); and
- Feedback (on-line survey).

## Notification

The notification, or promotion of the consultation activities began on April 19, 2018 and included:

- Advertisements in local weekly newspapers.
  - NOW Magazine
  - Beaches/East York Mirror
  - Bloor West/Parkdale Mirror
- Direct emails to resident and ratepayer groups and business associations;
- Posters placed in local libraries and community centres within TEY district;
- A dedicated project webpage ([www.toronto.ca/teypermitparking](http://www.toronto.ca/teypermitparking)) and additional link from the City's Permit Parking homepage;
- Social media posts to the City's twitter account @GetInvolvedTO and @TorontoComms (also retweeted through Councillor accounts); and
- A dedicated project email address ([teypermitparking@toronto.ca](mailto:teypermitparking@toronto.ca)) and comment line (416-392-3087).

## Consultation (meetings)

The consultation meetings that were held provided an overview of the overnight on-street permit parking program, the processes in the current bylaw to add new streets into the program, as well as a description of the motion from the Toronto & East York Community Council. A question and answer format was utilized along with opportunities for residents to have one-on-one discussions with staff. Residents were also directed to complete an online survey (Attachment 1.). The on-line survey included the same overview information presented at the public meetings.

Meeting location and frequency was determined based on consultation with area Councillors, with preferences given to areas close to residential streets that would be most affected by the proposal (i.e. residential streets that currently do not have overnight on-street permit parking).

Based on this consultation, four public meetings were scheduled at the following locations:

- April 23 – East York Civic Centre, 850 Coxwell Avenue
- April 30 – Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St Clair Avenue West
- May 1 – St James Cathedral Centre, 65 Church Street
- May 3 – Sheraton Hotel, 123 Queen Street West

## Feedback (on-line survey)

As noted above, an online survey was developed to let residents participate without having to attend a public meeting. The same background overview information in the public meeting presentation was included in the online survey.

The survey consisted of 18 questions, which were tailored to provide staff with a comprehensive understanding of the resident demographic (ie. vehicle ownership, current parking needs, understanding of the permit parking process, etc..) but most importantly, gauged general public opinion of Toronto and East York Community Councils proposal to expand the permit parking program within the (former) district boundary.

The consultation process resulted in the following:  
Summary of Consultation Plan Outcomes

The consultation process resulted in the following:

- 35 residents attending the public meetings;
- 840 completed surveys; and
- 27 emails and telephone comments

Although the public turnout at the meetings, combined with emails and telephone comments was relatively low, the number of completed surveys was notably high.

Overall, when asked whether the permit parking program should be expanded to other (non-permitted) streets within the district, the survey results revealed that approximately 55 percent of all respondents were supportive of expanding the program. Support was highest for respondents who lived on a street where permit parking was already present, citing the availability of parking choices and convenience to park near home. Conversely, respondents were more likely to disagree with the proposal if they lived on a street without permit parking or have sufficient on-site parking. These respondents generally indicated increased ticketing and having to pay for a permit as drawbacks.

A detailed account of the survey results and consultation activities can be found at <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-consultations/infrastructure-projects/overnight-on-street-permit-parking/>

### **On-Street Parking Space Inventory – Number and name of local streets that could accommodate On-Street Permit Parking (which currently do not).**

Currently, 50,500 on-street permit parking spaces (70 percent of all permit parking spaces in the city) are located within the Toronto and East York District. This represents approximately 60 percent of all the streets in the district that have residential on-street parking potential.

Staff conducted a detailed inventory of streets within the Toronto and East York district and have determined that there is approximately 235 kilometres of roadway within the district that could immediately be converted to accommodate a permit parking space. This corresponds to approximately 21,000 additional parking spaces.

A listing of the specific streets that can be converted or utilized for permit parking is provided in Attachment 2.

## Implementation Plan

Should community council wish to proceed with this exemption to implement permit parking on non-permit parking roadways, consideration must be given to the additional staffing requirements, costs, implementation phasing plan and necessary bylaw amendments which were previously outlined in the staff report, dated September 1, 2017. <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE27.49>

A summary of those results and corresponding new ward boundaries, are provided below:

### Implementation Phasing

- It would take approximately five years to complete on a phased basis.
- Implementation phasing, beginning in (newly approved) wards that have the least number of local streets, could be phased as follows:
  - Year 1 – Wards 4,9, and 10
  - Year 2 – Wards 14 and 11
  - Year 3 – Ward 13
  - Year 4 – Ward 12
  - Year 5 – Ward 19

### Costs (including staffing and capital)

- Estimated implementation costs, both capital and staffing, are summarized in Table 1. below:

**Table 1. – Estimated Implementation Costs**

<b>Element</b>	<b>5-year</b>	<b>Permanent Yearly Cost (after 5 year phase in)</b>
Staffing (5 permanent, 6 temporary)	\$5,500,000	\$431,000
Capital		
Sign manufacturing and installation	\$500,000	n/a
Rental Vehicles	\$180,000	\$17,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,180,000</b>	<b>\$448,500</b>

### Projected Revenue

Although it is difficult to estimate how many residents will purchase new parking permits within the streets previously identified, staff conservatively estimate that approximately \$1.7M/year in revenue could be generated.

### Required Bylaw Amendments

In order to expand the on-street permit parking program, amendments of the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 925, Permit Parking, would be required.

These amendments, which would include, but not be limited to, things such as the removal of the petition and polling requirements, are not delegated to Toronto and East York Community Council and would require City Council approval.

Should Toronto and East York Community Council wish to authorize permit parking on roads or areas that currently do not have permit parking in the Toronto and East York District, the following options could be considered:

#### Option 1

Have City Council approve a (specific) exemption from the petition and polling provisions for specific roads or areas, which would allow Community Council to implement permit parking for any specified roads or areas by amending Schedule A of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 925, Permit Parking. This is a commonly used method to have permit parking implemented on a given street. An example of this can be found at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE24.88>

#### Option 2

Have City Council amend Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 925, Permit Parking, to remove the petition and polling requirements altogether and allow ward councillors to implement permit parking on specific streets in their ward through a written request to the General Manager of Transportation.

#### Option 3

Have City Council amend Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 925, Permit Parking, to remove the petition and polling requirements altogether in order to implement permit parking on the streets specified in Attachment 2. This option would be most consistent with the intentions originally proposed by Toronto and East York Community Council in this report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. On Line Survey
2. List of Surveyed streets that could be converted to permit parking.