

Parking Amendments - Carlaw Avenue

Date: April 2, 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 east side of Carlaw Avenue fronting the driveway servicing No. 53 Carlaw Avenue (Gensco Equipment Inc.). The proposed standing prohibition is being requested to prevent motorist from blocking the driveway, and impacting access during loading/unloading activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. 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 222 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 9 metres further north.
2. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Carlaw Avenue, between a point 222 metres north of Lake Shore Boulevard East and a point 9 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Carlaw Avenue, between Lake Shore Boulevard East and Eastern Avenue is designated as a minor arterial roadway that operates two-way north-south traffic on a pavement width of about 14 metres. The daily average traffic volume on this section of Carlaw Avenue is about 12,300 vehicles, and the regulatory speed limit is 50 km/h. There is TTC service provided by "72 Pape" buses. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on this section of Carlaw Avenue:

East Side

- Parking is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- Permit parking in effect between 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily. Otherwise parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

West Side

- Parking is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except for a 30 metre section where standing is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Otherwise parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Paula Fletcher, was requested by the operators of Genco Equipment Inc. (No. 53 Carlaw Avenue) to amend the existing parking regulations on Carlaw Avenue, fronting the driveway that services this business to help improve access.

Loading and unloading occurs throughout the day, by a variety of truck types and sizes. On occasion, truck drivers find it difficult to manoeuvre in or out of this facility if a vehicle is blocking the driveway, or parked in close vicinity to the driveway. As a result, drivers cannot access the loading facilities and must park on-street to load and unload. This impacts on-street parking for residents, and also can obstruct traffic flow on this section of Carlaw Avenue.

Prohibiting standing at all times within the vicinity of this driveway access should help deter parking, and ensure unobstructed loading activities to/from this business. There will be no loss of parking as a result of this parking amendments.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

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