

Parking Amendments - Rushton Road

Date: April 29, 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 prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Rushton Road, between St. Clair Avenue West and Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane. This is in response to concerns received from Councillor Josh Matlow's office regarding parked vehicles causing potential sight line issues between vehicles travelling north on Rushton Road and vehicles travelling west on Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Rushton Road, between St. Clair Avenue West and Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Rushton Road, between St. Clair Avenue West and Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane.

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

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting stopping at all times on the east side of Rushton Road, between St. Clair Avenue West and Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane. The request was received from Councillor Josh Matlow's office to investigate vehicles parking within the no parking area, resulting in potential sight line issues.

Existing Conditions

Rushton Road is a 7.3 metre wide local road which operates one-way northbound. Approximately 35 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West, Charlie Roach Lane intersects Rushton Road from the west and Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane intersects Rushton Road from the east. Sidewalks are provided on both sides. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Rushton Road, immediately north of St. Clair Avenue West:

East Side

- Parking is prohibited at all times, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 53.4 metres further north (this is about 15 metres north of Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane).

West Side

- Parking is prohibited at all times, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 53.4 metres further north (this is about 15 metres north of Charlie Roach Lane).

There is no TTC service provided on this segment of Rushton Road.

Local residents have expressed concerns regarding vehicles parked on the east side of Rushton Road causing sight line concerns to road users. Field observations revealed that vehicles are currently parking within the no parking area on the east side of Rushton Road, south of Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane. These parked vehicles had accessible parking permits. This may reduce sight lines for vehicles travelling north on Rushton Road and vehicles travelling west on Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane.

Although parking is currently prohibited, vehicles with accessible parking permits are permitted to park within this area. Amending the regulations to prohibit stopping, from St. Clair Avenue West to Dr. Howard Lowrie Lane, will prevent vehicles with accessible parking permits from parking here. The proposed stopping prohibition will provide stricter parking prohibitions in this area, deter parking, and will improve sight lines for all road users.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3387, dated April 2019

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