Parking Amendments – East Liberty Street

Date: April 30, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 10, Spadina - Fort York

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on East Liberty Street, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit standing at all times on certain sections of the north side of East Liberty Street, between Pirandello Street and the north-south leg of Western Battery Road. This is in response to complaints about vehicles blocking the fire route access and underground parking access for Liberty Village Town Homes (TSCC 1660, 1673, 1705, 1746) on the north side of East Liberty Street. This proposal would not result in the loss of any parking spaces.

This report will address the fire route access and underground parking access for Liberty Village Town Homes on the north side of East Liberty Street. The fire route access for Liberty Village Town Homes on the west side of Pirandello Street will be addressed in a separate report to Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "Parking Amendments – Pirandello Street".

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, between a point 29.2 metres east of Pirandello Street and a point 14.5 metres further east, and between a point 99.3 metres east of Pirandello Street and a point 8.8 metres further east.

2. City Council rescind the parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours, on the north side of East Liberty Street, between a point 29.2 metres east of Pirandello Street and a point 14.5 metres further east, and between a point 99.3 metres east of Pirandello Street and a point 8.8 metres further east.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost associated with the necessary signage changes are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

East Liberty Street, between Pirandello Street and the north-south leg of Western Battery Road, is a collector roadway that operates with a daily two-way traffic volume of about 9,500 vehicles and a speed limit of 40 km/h. TTC service is provided by the 63 Ossington bus on East Liberty Street. The following parking regulations are in effect on this section of East Liberty Street.

North Side
- Parking is allowed by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily;
- Pay-and-display parking is allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours; and
- At all other times, parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours.

South Side
- Standing is prohibited at all times on the south side of East Liberty Street.

The land use in the area consists of residential, parks and mixed use. Liberty Village Town Homes is a town home complex with fire route access and underground parking access for Liberty Village Town Homes on the north side of East Liberty Street. Vehicles are occasionally parking on the north side of East Liberty Street, blocking access to the fire route and underground parking garage. The property manager for Liberty Village Town Homes has reported that this occurs on a daily basis.

Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of prohibiting standing on the north side of East Liberty Street, fronting the south entrance to the fire route and underground parking garage for Liberty Village Town Homes.
Based on the review and consultation with Councillor Joe Cressy, there are no objections to prohibiting standing at all times on the north side of East Liberty Street, from a point 29.2 metres east of Pirandello Street to a point 14.5 metres further east, and from a point 99.3 metres east of Pirandello Street to a point 8.8 metres further east. A depressed curb is currently installed in the area of the proposed standing prohibitions. This will discourage motorists from parking and will provide clear access to the fire route and underground parking garage. This proposal will not result in the loss of any parking spaces.

Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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