

Parking Amendments - Danforth Avenue, between Woodbine Avenue and Moberly Avenue

Date: June 4, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 19, Beaches - East York

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Danforth Avenue between Woodbine Avenue and Moberly Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to amend the existing parking regulations on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between Woodbine Avenue and Moberly Avenue to prohibit stopping and standing at all times. The proposed amendment will deter accessible permit holders from parking at this location, and will improve transit operations and vehicle movements by maintaining a clear passage for westbound vehicles on Danforth Avenue, west of Woodbine Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 61 metres west.
2. City Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between a point 52 metres east of Woodington Avenue and a point 61 metres west of Woodbine Avenue.
3. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 30.5 metres west.

4. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres west of Woodbine Avenue and a point 25 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from a local resident to review the parking conditions on the north side of Danforth Avenue, immediately west of Woodbine Avenue. Safety concerns have been expressed by westbound motorists travelling in the right/curb lane who are required to stop abruptly because of north curb side parking on Danforth Avenue. This creates a potential for rear-end or side swipe collisions by motorists hastily travelling into the centre-through lane. Parked vehicles have also impeded TTC vehicles that utilize the same curb lane after travelling through the intersection of Danforth Avenue and Woodbine Avenue.

Danforth Avenue is classified as a major arterial roadway that operates two-way east/west traffic on a pavement width of about 16 metres and has a daily traffic volume of 16,000 vehicles. Woodbine Avenue is also classified as a major arterial roadway that operates two-way north/south traffic on a pavement width of about 15.5 metres and has a daily traffic volume of 28,000 vehicles. There is TTC service provided on Danforth Avenue by the "322 Coxwell and 300 Bloor-Danforth" buses.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Danforth Avenue, between Woodbine Avenue and Moberly Avenue:

North Side

- No parking anytime, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 55.5 metres further west;
- Taxicab stand operating at all times, except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., between a point 55.5 metres west of Woodbine Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further west;
- No stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;

- Maximum one-hour parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between a point 52 metres east of Woodington Avenue and a point 61 metres west of Woodbine Avenue; and
- Pay-and-display parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, between a point 33.5 metres east of Woodington Avenue and a point 61 metres west of Woodbine Avenue.

South Side

- No parking anytime, between Woodbine Avenue and a point 61 metres west;
- No stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- Pay-and-display parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, between a point 106.7 metres east of Coxwell Avenue and a point 61 metres west of Woodbine Avenue.

The existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between a point 30.5 metres west of Woodbine Avenue and a point 25 metres further west, does legally allow vehicles with accessible parking permits to park within this segment of the road. However, motorists are also continuously parking within 30.5 metres of the traffic control signal and are occasionally blocking westbound through vehicles. As a result of the on-street parking, westbound through vehicles are forced to stop abruptly and change lanes immediately west of Danforth Avenue and Woodbine Avenue. This sudden lane change maneuver can result in rear-end or side swipe collisions with vehicles travelling in the westbound centre through-lane.

The proposed stopping prohibition will discourage accessible permit holders from parking within 30.5 metres of the traffic control signal and the proposed standing prohibition will provide a short segment of the road for drop-off/pick-up activity for patrons of local businesses.

The proposed recommendations will not result in the loss of on-street parking.

Housekeeping Issues

In the course of our investigation an inconsistency was discovered between the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 950, and the current parking regulations on Danforth Avenue, between Woodbine Avenue and Moberly Avenue. This inconsistency will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 2 of this report.

Councillor Brad Bradford has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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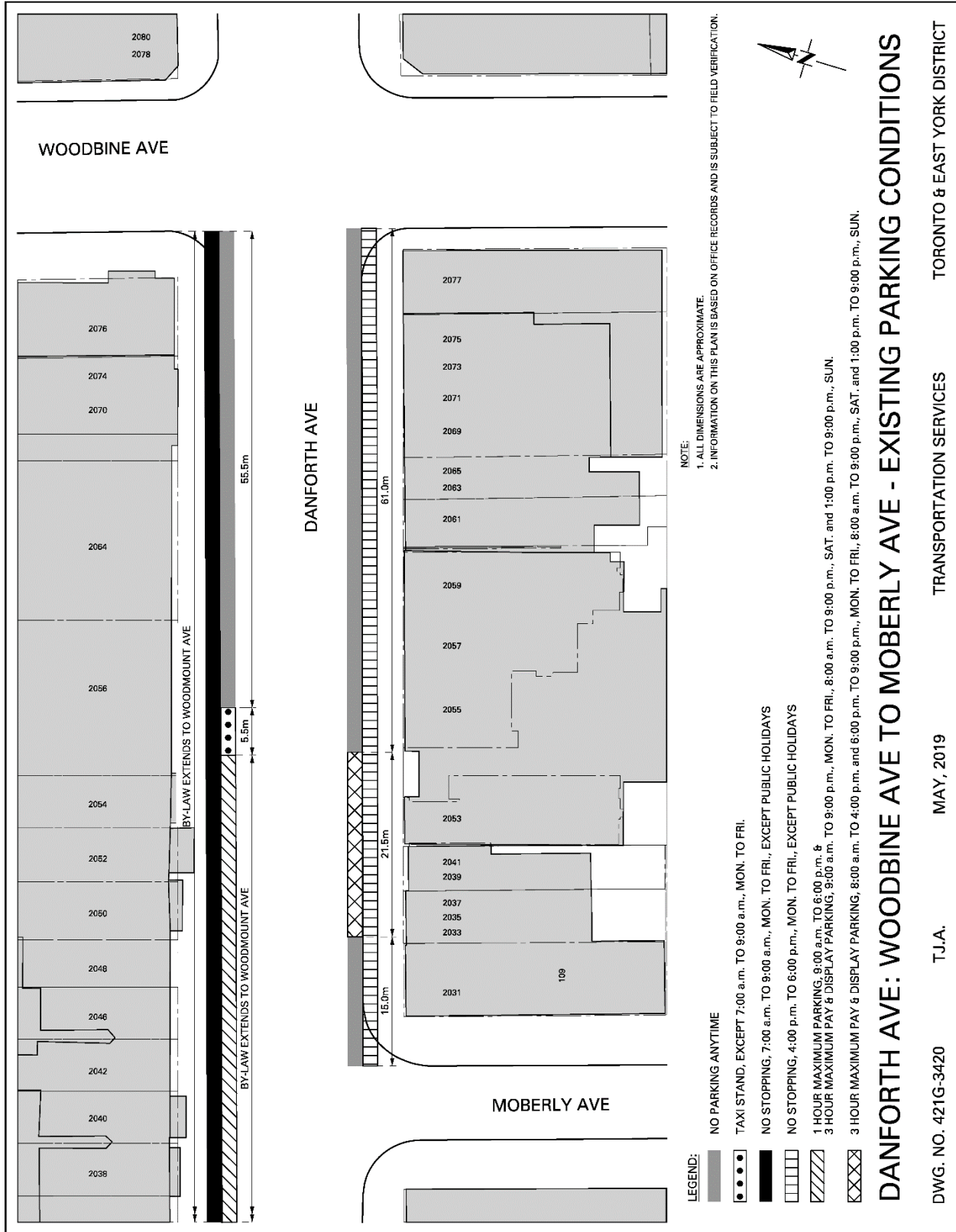
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3420, dated May 2019
2. Drawing No. 421G-3447, dated May 2019

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LEGEND:

- NO PARKING ANYTIME
- TAXI STAND, EXCEPT 7:00 a.m. TO 9:00 a.m., MON. TO FRI.
- NO STOPPING, 7:00 a.m. TO 9:00 a.m., MON. TO FRI., EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
- NO STOPPING, 4:00 p.m. TO 6:00 p.m., MON. TO FRI., EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
- ▨ 1 HOUR MAXIMUM PARKING, 9:00 a.m. TO 6:00 p.m. & 3 HOUR MAXIMUM PAY & DISPLAY PARKING, 9:00 a.m. TO 9:00 p.m., MON. TO FRI., 8:00 a.m. TO 9:00 p.m., SAT. and 1:00 p.m. TO 9:00 p.m., SUN.
- ▩ 3 HOUR MAXIMUM PAY & DISPLAY PARKING, 8:00 a.m. TO 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. TO 9:00 p.m., MON. TO FRI., 8:00 a.m. TO 9:00 p.m., SAT. and 1:00 p.m. TO 9:00 p.m., SUN.

NOTE:

1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE
2. INFORMATION ON THIS PLAN IS BASED ON OFFICE RECORDS AND IS SUBJECT TO FIELD VERIFICATION.

DANFORTH AVE: WOODBINE AVE TO MOBERLY AVE - EXISTING PARKING CONDITIONS

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