

## **Parking Amendments - Heath Street East**

**Date:** June 3, 2019  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

### **SUMMARY**

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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 permit maximum 15-minute parking on the south side of Heath Street East, between Alvin Avenue (south branch) and the eastern terminus of Heath Street East, and also to prohibit stopping on the north side of Heath Street East, opposite the time-limited parking area.

The proposed amendments will facilitate pick-up and drop-off activity for Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School, help to maintain two-way vehicular traffic on the subject section of Heath Street East and increase the safety of pedestrians walking on the south sidewalk to and from Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School or David Balfour Park Trail.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Heath Street East, between a point 34 metres east of Alvin Avenue (south branch) and Avoca Ravine.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on both sides of Heath Street East, between Avoca Ravine and a point 25 metres west.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 15-minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Heath Street East, between a point 34 metres east of Alvin Avenue (south branch) and a point 83 metres further east.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. the next following day, Monday to Friday; anytime, Saturday and Sunday on the south side of Heath Street East, between a point 34 metres east of Alvin Avenue (south branch) and a point 83 metres further east.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Heath Street East, between a point 117 metres east of Alvin Avenue (south branch) and the east end of Heath Street East.

6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Heath Street East, between a point 9 metres east of Alvin Avenue (north branch) and a point 93 metres further east.

7. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one hour from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Heath Street East, between a point 9 metres east of Alvin Avenue (north branch) and a point 93 metres further east.

8. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Heath Street East, between a point 102 metres east of Alvin Avenue (north branch) and the east end of Heath Street East.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Upon receipt of a petition from the residents on the subject section of Heath Street East, Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of designating a maximum 15-minute parking area on a portion of the south side of Heath Street East, between Alvin Avenue (south branch) and the eastern terminus of Heath Street East.

## **Existing Conditions**

Heath Street East, between Alvin Avenue and the eastern terminus of Heath Street East is classified as a two-way east/west local roadway with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. It has a pavement width of approximately 7.3 metres with municipal sidewalks provided on both sides of the road. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on the subject section of Heath Street East.

The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Heath Street East, between Alvin Avenue and the eastern terminus of Heath Street East:

### **Both Sides**

- No standing anytime between Avoca Ravine and a point 25 metres west.

### **North Side**

- Statutory unsigned maximum three-hour time limit parking, between Alvin Avenue (north branch) and a point 25 metres west of the eastern terminus of Heath Street East.

### **South Side**

- No parking anytime between Alvin Avenue and Avoca Ravine.

Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School (23 Ferndale Avenue) is located on the east side of Ferndale Avenue and south side of Heath Street East, and the David A. Balfour Park Trail is accessible from the east end of Heath Street East.

Staff attended a safety meeting with the Ward Councillor, area residents and school representative and the following concerns were brought forth:

- Motorists parking within the existing no standing anytime areas on the eastern terminus of Heath Street East, occasionally blocking the driveways of the townhomes on the north side of Heath Street East;
- Motorists parking on the sidewalk, obstructing sidewalk access for pedestrians who are at times forced to walk onto the road; and
- Parked vehicles on both sides of the road obstructing the two-way flow of vehicular traffic on the subject section Heath Street East.

Traffic Operations staff have no objections to the proposed parking amendments requested in the signed petition. Recommendations 4, 5, 6 and 8 will address the concerns expressed by the residents and school. The school and residents have been advised that the requested times for the proposed maximum 15-minute parking and no stopping anytime regulations create periods where no parking will be permitted on either side of Heath Street East, east of Alvin Avenue, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Deer Park Junior and Senior Public School in consultation with residents on the subject section of Heath Street East has provided written support to Councillor Josh Matlow for the proposed parking amendments recommended above.

### **Housekeeping Issues**

During the course of this investigation, an overlap between the "no parking" and "no standing" regulations in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 pertaining to the subject section of Heath Street East was noted. The inconsistency of the traffic and parking limits for each regulation will be corrected with the approval of Recommendations 1 and 2.

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

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### **SIGNATURE**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G-3427, dated May 2019

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