

Parking Amendments - Gowan Avenue

Date: September 23, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

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 recommending that the existing "No Parking Anytime" on the south side of Gowan Avenue, between Pape Avenue and a point 45 metres east, be replaced with "No Standing Anytime". This is to address concerns regarding illegal parking activity on the north side of a local coffee shop. This proposal will not result in the loss of any parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Gowan Avenue, between Pape Avenue and a point 45 metres east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Upon the receipt of several complaints from area constituents, Councillor Paula Fletcher requested that Traffic Operations investigate countermeasures to prevent illegal parking activity occurring on the south side of Gowan Avenue, fronting 1021 Pape Avenue, a local coffee shop.

Gowan Avenue, east of Pape Avenue, is a local roadway that operates two-way east-west traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The daily average two-way traffic volume is about 1,500 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. TTC does not provide service on Gowan Avenue. The following regulations are in place on Gowan Avenue, east of Pape Avenue:

South Side

- No parking anytime, between Pape Avenue and a point 120 metres south of Cosburn Avenue.

North Side

- Permit parking from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., between a point 95 metres east of Pape Avenue and a point 120 metres south of Cosburn Avenue; and
- Statutory maximum three-hour parking at all other times.

A local coffee shop at 1021 Pape Avenue is located at the southeast corner of Pape Avenue and Gowan Avenue. Area residents have expressed concerns regarding patrons of the local coffee shop leaving their vehicles unattended within the "No Parking Anytime" area, obstructing the flow of two-way traffic and safe turns at the intersection of Gowan Avenue and Pape Avenue.

Traffic Operations does not object to the installation of a "No Standing Anytime" area to further prevent motorists from parking on the south side of Gowan Avenue, east of Pape Avenue. Patrons of the coffee shop will be able to continue to conduct pick-up/ drop-off activity under the new prohibition, however accessible permit parking holders will not be able to park as they are not exempt from standing prohibitions. The implementation of this prohibition will not result in the removal of any on-street parking.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3517, dated September 2019

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