

Parking Amendments - Strathcona Avenue

Date: September 24, 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 extension of an existing signed parking prohibition on the south side of Strathcona Avenue. This is in response to concerns sent to Councillor Fletcher's office regarding vehicles parking close to the laneway east of Pape Avenue, south of Strathcona Avenue, and in obstructing sightlines of the contra-flow bike lane for laneway motorists. This proposal will result in the loss one on-street parking space.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Strathcona Avenue, between a point 84 metres west of Blake Street and a point 18 metres further west.

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 Fletcher requested that Traffic Operations review the sightlines for motorists exiting the laneway west of Pape Avenue, south of Strathcona Avenue. The sightline obstruction is caused by parked vehicles on the south side of Strathcona Avenue, just west of the laneway.

Strathcona Avenue is a local roadway that operates one-way westbound traffic with one-way eastbound contraflow cycling traffic, on a pavement width of about 7.4 metres. The roadway's width, from south to north, is arranged so that the southernmost portion of the roadway is a parking lane, the middle is an eastbound contraflow cycling lane and the north is a westbound vehicular lane. The daily average traffic volume is about 825 (motorist and cyclist) and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. TTC does not provide service on Strathcona Avenue.

Currently, the following regulations are in place on Strathcona Avenue, within the subject segment:

South Side

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., between Pape Avenue and Blake Street; and
- Statutory maximum three-hour parking at all other times.

North Side

- No parking anytime between Pape Avenue and Jones Avenue.

A sightline review was undertaken to confirm whether existing sightlines are obstructed by parked vehicles on the south side of Strathcona Avenue, west of the laneway. It was confirmed that on-street parked vehicles are blocking northbound motorists exiting the laneway's view of eastbound cyclists. In order to ensure adequate sightlines for northbound traffic, it is recommended that parking be restricted for an additional three metres further west.

A review of the Toronto Police Services collision records for the five-year period ending July 1st, 2019 revealed that four collisions had occurred at or within the vicinity of Strathcona Avenue at the laneway. Further review of these collisions noted that one collision, between an eastbound cyclist and a northbound left-turning motorist, could have potentially been prevented by the prohibition of parking immediately next to the laneway.

Given the resident concerns, noted substandard sightlines and the occurrence of a collision that could have potentially been prevented by the proposed prohibition, Traffic Operations recommends that parking be prohibited on the south side of Strathcona Avenue, between a point 84 metres west of Blake Street and a point 18 metres further west, in order to appropriate sightlines for northbound left-turning motorists. The implementation of this prohibition will result in the removal of one on-street parking space.

Housekeeping Issues

During the course of our review, it was noted that an existing parking prohibition is signed on the south side of Strathcona Avenue, between a point 84 metres west of Blake Street and a point 15 metres further west, but is not currently by-lawed. This inconsistency will be resolved by the adoption of Recommendation 1.

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

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