

Parking Amendment - Westlake Avenue

Date: October 15, 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 Westlake Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending amending the existing parking prohibition to a stopping prohibition on the east side of Westlake Avenue, between Lumsden Avenue and a point 30.5 metres north. The proposed amendment will deter parking at this location and will improve transit operations and vehicle movements by maintaining a clear passage for TTC vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Westlake Avenue, between Lumsden Avenue and a point 30.5 metres north.

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 was requested to investigate turning concerns experienced by northbound motorists, particularly TTC vehicles on Westlake Avenue, due to parked vehicles north of Lumsden Avenue.

Westlake Avenue, between Lumsden Avenue and Wallington Avenue, is a two-way collector roadway with a daily traffic volume of approximately 1,600 vehicles, a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, and a pavement width of 8.5 metres. There is TTC service provided on Westlake Avenue by the "87 Cosburn" bus route.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Westlake Avenue, between Lumsden Avenue and Wallington Avenue:

East side

- No parking anytime between Lumsden Avenue and a point 23 metres north;
- No standing anytime between a point 38.5 metres north of Lumsden Avenue and Wallington Avenue (Transit Stop); and
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking from a point 23 metres north of Lumsden Avenue to a point 15.5 metres further north.

West side

- No standing anytime between Lumsden Avenue and a point 36 metres north (Transit Stop); and
- No parking anytime between a point 36 metres north of Lumsden Avenue and Wallington Avenue.

Concerns expressed by TTC operators and an on-site assessment by Transportation staff revealed that vehicles, particularly vehicles displaying accessible parking permits (APPs), are frequently parked on the east side of Westlake Avenue, even though parking is prohibited and APP holders are not exempt from corner parking prohibitions in proximity of traffic control signals. As a result, vehicles are forced to travel northbound along the southbound lane. This maneuver disrupts southbound traffic, especially TTC vehicle operation. In order to reduce confusion for APP holders and to discourage motorists from parking within 30.5 metres of the traffic control signals on the east side of Westlake Avenue, north of Lumsden Avenue, installation of the more restrictive "No Stopping Anytime" is recommended.

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

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1. Drawing No. 421G-3546, dated October 2019

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