

Parking Amendments - Dundas Street East

Date: October 11, 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 extending the existing stopping prohibition on the south side of Dundas Street East, just west of Hiltz Avenue. This is in response to concerns received by Councillor Paula Fletcher's office regarding sightline obstructions for northbound left turning vehicles at the intersection of Dundas Street East and Hiltz Avenue. This proposal will result in the loss of two on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Dundas Street East, between Hiltz Avenue and a point 20.7 metres west.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Dundas Street East, between a point 35 metres east of Greenwood Avenue and Alton Avenue.

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 receipt of several complaints from area constituents, Councillor Fletcher requested that Traffic Operations review the sightlines for motorists on Hiltz Avenue at Dundas Street East. The sightline obstruction is caused by parked vehicles on the south side of Dundas Street East, just west of Hiltz Avenue.

Hiltz Avenue is a local roadway that operates two-way, north-south traffic, on a pavement width of about 8.6 metres. The average daily traffic volume is 500 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on Hiltz Avenue.

Dundas Street East, within the subject area, is a minor arterial roadway that operates two-way east-west traffic on a pavement width of about 14 metres. The average daily traffic volume is about 15,000 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 40 km/h. Heavy trucks are permitted at all times and TTC does not provide service on Dundas Street East. Parking is permitted on the south side of Dundas Street East, beginning about 7.5 metres west of Hiltz Avenue, and on the north side of Dundas Street East, stopping is prohibited at all times. There are also bike lanes and municipal sidewalks on both sides.

Currently, the following regulations are signed on Dundas Street East, within the vicinity of Hiltz Avenue:

South Side

- No stopping anytime between a point 35 metres east of Greenwood Avenue and Hiltz Avenue; and
- No standing anytime between a point 29.5 metres west of Hiltz Avenue and a point 13 metres further west.

North Side

- No stopping anytime between a point 35 metres east of Greenwood Avenue and Alton Avenue.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over a three-year period ending April 30, 2019, revealed that four collisions had occurred at or within the vicinity of Dundas Street East and Hiltz Avenue. Further review of these collisions noted that they may have been prevent by the prohibition of stopping within the subject area.

In response to residents' concerns, Transportation Services reviewed existing sightlines for northbound traffic at the intersection of Dundas Street East and Hiltz Avenue. The area west of this intersection was examined to determine the feasibility of prohibiting stopping. Concerns were expressed regarding vehicles parked on the south side of Dundas Street East obstructing the view of oncoming eastbound traffic.

When assessing sightline conditions, the City utilizes several factors including driver perception, driver reaction, driver eye height, object height, vehicle operating speed and deceleration rate. It was noted that northbound motorists exiting Hiltz Avenue have their sightlines of oncoming eastbound traffic obstructed by parked vehicles on the south side of Dundas Street East. Extending the existing stopping prohibition by 20.7 metres to the west, on the south side of Dundas Street East, west of Hiltz Avenue, will deter on-street parking and stopping in this area, thereby improving sightlines for motorists exiting Hiltz Avenue. This proposal will result in the removal of two on-street parking spaces.

Housekeeping Issues

During the course of our review, it was noted that there are overlapping parking and stopping regulations on the north side of Dundas Street East, between Greenwood Avenue and Alton Avenue. In-field signage was confirmed to be "No Stopping, Anytime". The by-law inconsistency will be resolved by the adoption of Recommendation No. 2.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G 3538, dated September 2019

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