

Parking Amendments - Wood Street

Date: October 17, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

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 standing be prohibited at all times on the south side of Wood Street, between Church Street and Mutual Street, to deter two-sided parking, facilitate the safe and efficient operation of traffic and improve two-way unobstructed traffic flow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Wood Street, from Church Street to Mutual Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Wood Street, from Church Street to Mutual Street.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, inclusive, except by permit, on the north side of Wood Street, between a point 29 metres east of Church Street and Mutual Street.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the north side of Wood Street, between Church Street and Mutual Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested through 311 to review the parking regulations on Wood Street, between Church Street and Mutual Street, regarding vehicles parked on both sides of the street blocking the flow of two-way traffic.

A new development (85 Wood Street) was completed on the south side of Wood Street, east of Church Street, and the Church Street Junior Public School is located on the north side of Wood Street. Wood Street is classified as a local road and operates east/west two-way traffic. It has a pavement width of approximately 8.7 metres, municipal sidewalks on both sides and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. There is no TTC service on Wood Street.

The current parking regulations on Wood Street, between Church Street and Mutual Street, are as follows:

North Side

- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and
- Permit parking from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

South Side

- No parking anytime.

Transportation Services staff investigated parking conditions on this section of Wood Street. During our study, two vehicles parked on the north side (one with an accessible parking permit, one delivery truck), and five vehicles parked on the south side (two with accessible parking permits, one with a driver waiting and a utility service vehicle).

This parking amendment will allow commercial and passenger drop-off/pick-up activity and parking with an accessible permit on the north side of the road, passenger drop-off and pick-up activity only on the south side, and overall unobstructed two-way traffic flow. There are discrepancies on the north side of the road between the posted signs and parking regulations. The parking amendments in Recommendations 3 and 4 will correct these discrepancies.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3552, dated October 2019

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