

Parking Regulation Amendment and Turn Prohibitions - George Street

Date: December 24, 2019
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 5 – York South-Weston

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending that Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit northbound left-turns at all times at the H.J. Alexander Community School kiss-and-ride loop, and southbound left-turns at all times at the St. John the Evangelist School kiss-and-ride loop on to George Street.

George Street connects Church Street and King Street and also serves as an access to both St. John the Evangelist School and H.J. Alexander Community School. These prohibitions are intended to provide for a more orderly flow of traffic exiting both schools.

Transportation Services is also recommending Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing maximum 5 minute parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of George Street between a point 31 metres north of King Street and a point 43 metres further north, and prohibit stopping at all times at this location instead.

The proposed prohibitions, will address traffic safety concerns and reduce congestion in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing maximum 5 minute parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of George Street, from a point 31 metres north of King Street to a point 43 metres further north.

2. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of George Street, from a point 31 metres north of King Street to a point 43 metres further north.
3. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit southbound left-turn movements at all times at George Street and the private driveway from 23 George Street, located on the east side of George Street, approximately 85 metres north of King Street.
4. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit northbound left-turn movements at all times at George Street and the private driveway from 30 George Street, located on the west side of George Street, approximately 20 metres north of King Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing the "No Stopping Anytime" and prohibited turn signs on George Street is approximately \$1000.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2020 interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

On December 12, 2019, Transportation Services staff attended a meeting hosted by the Ward Councillor regarding parking issues on George Street, north of King Street. In consultation with the School Board, it was determined that left-turn prohibitions for motorists exiting the kiss-and-ride loops on George Street at both St. John the Evangelist School and H.J. Alexander Community School would provide more orderly traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up times. A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

George Street is classified under the City of Toronto's Road Classification System as a "local" road. It operates two-way between King Street and Church Street. The pavement width is approximately 7.5 metres and the posted regulatory speed limit is 30 km/h with speed humps. Sidewalks exist on both sides of the street. All-way stop controls are in force at the intersections of George Street and King Street, and George Street and Church Street. St. John the Evangelist School is located on the east side of George Street and H.J. Alexander Community School is located on the west side of George Street.

Parking is currently permitted for a maximum period of 5 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of George Street, from a point 31 metres north of King Street to a point 82 metres further north.

In consultation with the Ward Councillor and the School Board, Transportation Services recommends left-turn prohibitions for motorists exiting both the kiss-and-ride loops at both schools to provide more orderly traffic flow. The recommended stopping prohibition on the west side of George Street, between a point 31 metres north of King Street and a point 43 metres further north will address concerns with parking-related congestion and provide a safer environment for all road users in the area.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Area Map 1 (George Street)

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