

Parking Amendments - St. Clements Avenue

Date: January 8, 2020
To: North York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting North York Community Council to rescind the existing parking regulations on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, between Avenue Road and a point 170 metres west, and replace them with a standing prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The proposed standing prohibition will promote safe and efficient two-way traffic and enhance the student pick-up/drop-off activity on St. Clements Avenue in the vicinity of Allenby Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Prohibit standing from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, between Avenue Road and a point 170 metres west.
2. Rescind the existing maximum 10-minute parking regulation in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, between a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 114 metres west of Avenue Road.
3. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, between a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 114 metres west of Avenue Road.

4. Rescind the existing accessible loading zone, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, between a point 114 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 6 metres further west.

5. Rescind the school bus loading zone, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, between a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 49.5 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with changing the parking signs are included within the Transportation Services 2020 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000 adopted Clause 77 of Report 16, and in doing so, authorized the installation of short-term parking areas and school bus loading zones on the south side of St. Clements Avenue and on the north side of Castlefield Avenue.

North York Community Council, at its meeting on July 7, 2008 adopted Item NY17.20, which amended the parking and stopping regulations on St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue to address the residents' and school administration's concerns and to improve pedestrian safety as well as two-way traffic flow. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2008.NY17.20>

North York Community Council, at its meeting on December 10, 2010 adopted Item NY2.1, which further promoted and improved the operation of the existing short-term parking and amended the limits of the existing overnight permit parking on St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.NY2.1>

North York Community Council, at its meeting on June 22, 2011 adopted Item NY8.43, which amended the parking and stopping regulations on St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue to balance the needs of Allenby Public School and the surrounding community. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.NY8.43>

North York Community Council, at its meeting on January 15, 2014 adopted Item NY29.9, which authorized the installation of an accessible loading zone on the south side of St. Clements Avenue for Allenby Public School. The Council decision can be found at: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.NY29.9>

North York Community Council, at its meeting on January 16, 2018 adopted Item NY27.22, and in doing so, authorized amendments to the parking regulations to address the concerns of the school administration and on-site daycare staff, as well as parents, regarding on-street pick-up and drop-off operating hours. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.NY27.22>

COMMENTS

St. Clements Avenue is a two-way local street located in the residential community west of Avenue Road. It has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, as traffic calming measures (speed humps) have been installed. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on St. Clements Avenue.

Allenby Junior Public School is located at 391 St. Clements Avenue, on the south side of the street, west of Avenue Road. It serves junior kindergarten to grade six. Additionally, Allenby Daycare operates within the school, outside of regular school hours. The school's main entrance is located on St. Clements Avenue, although the property also abuts the north side of Castlefield Avenue.

The current parking regulations on St. Clements Avenue, adjacent to the school property, are as follows:

North side:

- Parking is prohibited at all times, between Avenue Road and a point 37 metres west; and
- Overnight permit parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., daily; and three-hour maximum parking is in effect at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

South side:

- Parking is prohibited at all times, between Avenue Road and a point 37 metres west;
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of 10-minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 114 metres west of Avenue Road;
- Parking is prohibited from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 114 metres west of Avenue Road;
- An accessible loading zone is in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 114 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 6 metres further west;

- School Bus Loading Zone, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road and a point 49.5 metres further west; and
- Three-hour maximum parking is in effect at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

A public meeting was held on December 11, 2019 with Councillor Mike Colle, school representatives, residents of St. Clements Avenue and Transportation Services' staff to discuss the current operation of St. Clements Avenue. School representatives and residents advised that two-way traffic on St. Clements Avenue is obstructed during school arrival and dismissal times since parking is allowed on both sides of the street. This situation is exacerbated when there is snow plowed against the edge of the road, which narrows the traffic lane. It was requested that all the current parking regulations on the school (south) side of St. Clements Avenue be replaced with a standing prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Transportation Service concurs with the residents comments, based on our observations completed during the winter of 2018/19.

The proposed standing prohibition will address the operational concerns, while still allowing parents/guardians to pick-up/drop-off students. However, they will not be permitted to park for any period of time. This proposal will not impact the existing overnight permit parking on the north side of St. Clements Avenue.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - St. Clements Avenue Parking Regulations

