

Parking Amendments - Maxwell Street

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To: North York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Traffic Management
Wards: Ward 6 - York Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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 stopping be prohibited at all times on the west side of Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue. The proposed prohibition will improve two-way traffic flow on Maxwell Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. North York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the necessary signs on Maxwell Street are included within the Transportation Services 2020 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Pasternak to review the parking regulations on Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue, to address safety and traffic flow concerns associated with parking on both sides of the street.

Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue is a local street that operates with a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 1,000 vehicles. It has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres. A short sidewalk is provided on the west side of Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and a point 36 metres north. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Maxwell Street. The land use on this street is generally residential.

A 15-metre corner parking prohibition is signed on both sides of Maxwell Street at Sheppard Avenue West. The North York winter maintenance parking prohibition (No Parking, 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31) is in effect on both sides of the subject section of the street and parking is otherwise permitted for the City-wide maximum period of three hours (statutory, unsigned).

A review of Toronto Police Service collision records for the three year period ending May 1, 2019 did not find any reported collisions on Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue.

An on-site assessment of the existing traffic and parking conditions on Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue, disclosed that there are ten parking spaces on each side of the street. Motorists were observed parked on both sides of the street during our investigation. This double sided parking was observed to interrupt the flow of two-way traffic.

In order to address these concerns, Transportation Services is recommending that stopping be prohibited at all times on the west side of Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue. The proposed stopping prohibition will prevent double-sided parking and parking by accessible parking permit holders on the west side of the street and improve two-way traffic flow on Maxwell Street. However, it will result in the loss of approximately 10 parking spaces on Maxwell Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Cocksfield Avenue.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendment - Maxwell Street

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