

Parking Amendments - Caroline Avenue

Date: November 14, 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 affixing parking to the east side of Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, in place of the existing alternate side parking condition. This is in response to a petition submitted by residents requesting the City to discontinue the alternate-side parking arrangement on the subject segment of Caroline Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the east side of Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year and from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the west side of Caroline Avenue, between a point 36.6 metres south of Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30 inclusive, on the even (west) side of Caroline Avenue, from a point 36.6 metres south of Queen Street East to a point 38.1 metres north of Eastern Avenue.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., regulation from the first day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, and from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the odd (east) side of Caroline Avenue, from Queen Street East to a point 38.1 metres north of Eastern Avenue, to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily on the east side of Caroline Avenue, from Queen Street East to Eastern Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Caroline Avenue, between a point 36.6 metres south of Queen Street East and Eastern 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

Councillor Paula Fletcher's office forwarded a petition from residents of Caroline Avenue, requesting the discontinuation of alternate-side parking and affixing parking on the side of Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, with greater amount of parking spaces.

Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, is a local one-way southbound roadway that operates traffic on a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. The daily average traffic volume is 700 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on Caroline Avenue. Traffic calming measures, specifically speed humps, are installed on Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.

Currently, the following regulations are in place on Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.:

East Side

- No parking anytime from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive;

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, and from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive; and
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times.

West Side

- No parking anytime between Queen Street East and a point 36.6 metres south;
- No parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, and the first day to the 15 day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 36.6 metres south of Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue;
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive; and
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times.

In an effort to improve the current parking arrangement on Caroline Avenue, residents have consulted with and submitted a petition to Councillor Paula Fletcher's office requesting that the current alternate-side parking on Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, be discontinued and replaced with parking affixed to the side of the road with the greater amount of parking spaces.

Permit parking staff were consulted with regards to the capacities of each side of Caroline Avenue as well as any comments they may have. They confirmed that the east side has 37 on-street parking spaces while the west side has 32 on-street parking space. They also indicated support for affixing parking to the east side of Caroline Avenue as permit holders would gain five spaces from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30.

The impact of discontinuing alternate-side parking and affixing parking to one side of the road will likely result in the reduction of City street-sweeping services. Alternate-side parking allows clear access for vehicular street sweepers to opposite curbs, in Caroline Avenue's case, on a bi-monthly basis. Affixing parking to one side will result in vehicles parking year round on the same side of Caroline Avenue, making the curb inaccessible for street sweepers. Therefore, manual street sweeping operations, which occurs on a less frequent basis, would have to be undertaken. Councillor Fletcher's office was provided this feedback.

Beyond the potential for a reduction of street-sweeping services, Transportation Services has no objections to replacing the existing alternate-side parking with parking on the east side only on Caroline Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.

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

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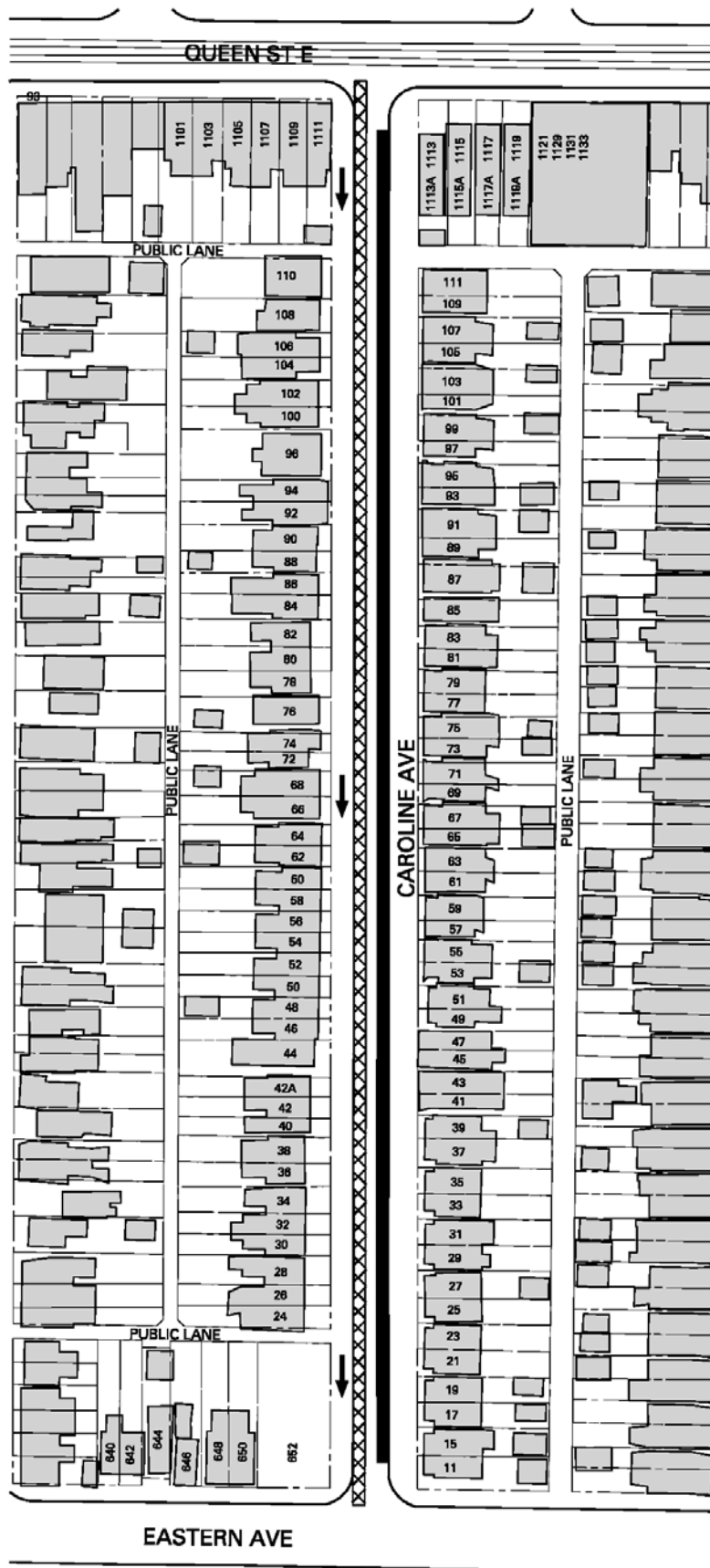
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3586, dated November 2019

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