

## **Parking Amendments - Heath Street West**

**Date:** December 5, 2019  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

### **SUMMARY**

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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 parking be prohibited at all times on the south side of Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and a point 48 metres east. This will address concerns regarding parked vehicles obstructing sightlines for drivers exiting the rear parking lot of 575 Avenue Road and improve traffic flow along Heath Street West. This proposal will result in the loss of three parking spaces.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and a point 48 metres east.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and a point 30.5 metres east of Oriole Road.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All cost associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2020 Interim Operating Budget estimates.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Heath Street West, between Avenue Road and Oriole Road, is a collector roadway that operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Heath Street West. Parking is generally prohibited at all times on both sides of Heath Street West except for three parking spaces on the south side fronting 575 Avenue Road. From 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., a one-hour maximum parking regulation is in effect with the statutory three-hour maximum limit in effect at all other times.

A request was received through Councillor Josh Matlow regarding sightline concerns for vehicles exiting the rear parking lot of 575 Avenue Road. A field investigation was conducted by staff. During this investigation, it was noted that the three parking spaces on the south side partially obstruct drivers' sightlines. In addition, vehicles in these parking spaces hinder eastbound traveling vehicles. As a result, some drivers are forced to wait for oncoming traffic to clear in order to continue traveling eastbound past the parked vehicles.

Based on our discussions with Councillor Josh Matlow, there is support to prohibit parking in this area. This will result in the loss of three parking spaces, but will improve drivers' sightlines and improve traffic flow.

During the course of our investigation, conflicting parking by-laws on the south side of Heath Street West were also identified. The one-hour maximum parking regulation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between Avenue Road and Deer Park Crescent is in conflict with the parking prohibition at all times from Avenue Road to a point 30.5 metres east of Oriole Road. This discrepancy will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation No. 2.

Councillor Josh Matlow has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G - 3615, dated December 2019

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