

## **Parking Amendments - Blake Street**

**Date:** January 15, 2020  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

### **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 standing be prohibited on the west side of Blake Street, between a point 145 metres south of Strathcona Avenue and a point 42 metres further south. This recommendation is to prevent on-street parking by accessible parking permit holders and to ensure clear access for motorists conducting pick-up/drop-off activity at 86 Blake Street.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Blake Street, between a point 145 metres south of Strathcona Avenue and a point 42 metres further south.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Blake Street, between a point 145 metres south of Strathcona Avenue and a point 42 metres further south.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Blake Street, between a point 150 metres north of Boulton Avenue and a point 95 metres further north.

## **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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In response to concerns from patrons of Eastview Community Centre, Councillor Fletcher's office requested Traffic Operations to investigate the feasibility of designating a loading zone fronting the Community Centre. Constituents had reported that accessible parking permit holders are obstructing pick-up/drop-off activity particularly by TTC Wheel-Trans service.

Blake Street is classified a local roadway and operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 11.5 metres. The posted speed limit is 30 km/h and the daily average traffic volume is about 1,500 vehicles. TTC does not provide service on Blake Street and heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times.

The parking regulations on Blake Street, within the subject segment are as follows:

### **West Side**

- No parking anytime between Strathcona Avenue and a point 244 metres north of Boulton Avenue

### **East Side**

- No parking anytime between Boulton Avenue and a point 318 metres north.
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all times between a point 318 metres north of Boulton Avenue and a point 29 metres further north, and
- No parking 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily between a point 347 meters north of Boulton Avenue and a point 11 metres further north.

During a visit to Eastview Community Centre, Councillor Fletcher received complaints regarding motorists' ability to conduct pick-up and drop-off activity within the frontage of the community centre. Accessible permit parking holders were noted to be parked long-term and, as a result obstructing ease of access to the Community Centre entrance.

Currently, parking is prohibited at all time along the frontage of 86 Blake Street. "No Parking Anytime" permits vehicles to stop while actively engaged in loading/unloading and embarking/disembarking activities. However, accessible parking permit holders are exempt from these parking prohibitions, so are allowed to park within the immediate frontage.

In order to ensure clear access for motorists, it is recommended that standing be prohibited at all times on the west side of Blake Street, between a point 145 metres south of Strathcona Avenue and a point 42 metres further south. The loading/unloading of passengers is permitted under a standing prohibition. This proposal will not result in the removal of any on-street parking spaces.

### **Housekeeping Issues**

During the course of our review, it was noted redundancies within the existing parking regulations on Blake Street. This redundancy will be resolved by the adoption of Recommendation 3.

Councillor Paula Fletcher 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-3617, dated December 2019

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