

Parking Amendments - Sammon Avenue

Date: February 12, 2020
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 extending the existing corner parking prohibition on the north side of Sammon Avenue, just east of Marlow Avenue. This is in response to concerns received by Councillor Paula Fletcher's office regarding a sightline obstruction for southbound turning motorists at the intersection of Sammon Avenue and Marlow Avenue. This proposal will result in the loss of two on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the north side Sammon Avenue, between Marlow Avenue and a point 31.5 metres east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Upon receipt of complaints from area constituents, Councillor Fletcher requested that Traffic Operations review the sightlines for motorists on Marlow Avenue at Sammon Avenue. The sightline obstruction is caused by parked vehicles on the north side of Sammon Avenue, just east of Marlow Avenue.

Sammon Avenue is a collector roadway that operates two-way east-west traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The daily average traffic volume is about 3,000 vehicles and has regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. A reduction of the speed limit to 40 km/h was approved by Toronto and East York Community Council on January 8, 2020 (Item TE12.37), but has not yet been enacted or signed in the field. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. TTC does not provide service on Sammon Avenue.

Currently, the following regulations are signed on Sammon Avenue, within the vicinity of Marlow Avenue:

North Side

- Maximum one-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except public holidays, between a point 9 metres west of Marlow Avenue and a point 15 metres further west,
- Permit parking only from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., between Donlands Avenue and Marlow Avenue,
- Maximum three-hour parking at all other times, between Donlands Avenue and Marlow Avenue, and
- Maximum three-hour parking, between Marlow Avenue and Wiley Avenue.

South Side

- No parking anytime, between Donlands Avenue and Wiley Avenue.

Marlow Avenue is a local roadway that operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of about 7.3 metres and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times, and TTC does not provide service on Marlow Avenue.

Currently, the following regulations are signed on Marlow Avenue, north of Sammon Avenue:

West Side

- No parking anytime, January, February March, April, June, August, October and December.

East Side

- No parking anytime, May, July, September, and November.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision records over the three-year period ending November 30, 2019, revealed that one collision had occurred at or within the vicinity of Sammon Avenue and Marlow Avenue. Further review of this collision noted that it was not subject to correction by improved southbound sightlines of westbound traffic.

In response to residents' concerns, Transportation Services reviewed existing sightlines for southbound traffic at the intersection of Sammon Avenue and Marlow Avenue. The area east of this intersection was examined to determine the feasibility of prohibiting parking. Concerns were expressed regarding vehicles parked on the north side of Sammon Avenue obstructing the view of oncoming westbound traffic.

When assessing sightline conditions, the City utilizes several factors including driver perception, driver reaction, driver eye height, object height, vehicle operating speed and deceleration rate. It was noted that southbound motorists exiting Marlow Avenue have their sightlines of oncoming westbound traffic obstructed by parked vehicles on the north side of Sammon Avenue. Extending the existing corner parking prohibition by 16.6 metres to the east, on the north side of Sammon Avenue, east of Marlow Avenue, will deter on-street parking in this area, thereby improving sightlines for motorists exiting Marlow Avenue. This proposal will result in the removal of two on-street parking spaces, however will not impact the amount of overnight permit parking spaces as the limits of the overnight spaces are between Donlands Avenue and Marlow Avenue.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3667, dated February 2020

