

Parking Amendments - Avenue Road

Date: February 24, 2020
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 11, University-Rosedale

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Avenue Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending that stopping be prohibited at all times on the west side of Avenue Road, between Davenport Road and a point 46 metres north. This will address concerns regarding parked vehicles obstructing sightlines for drivers entering/exiting the first laneway north of Davenport Road, west of Avenue Road, and improve traffic flow along this section of Avenue Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 30.5 metres south of Davenport Road and a point 46 metres north of Davenport Road.
2. City Council amend the existing parking machine regulation on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 46 metres north of Davenport Road and a point 18 metres further north, operating from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour, to be in effect from a point 46 metres north of Davenport Road and a point 29 metres further north.
3. City Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 30.5 metres north of Davenport Road and a point 15 metres south of Pears Avenue, to be in effect from a point 46 metres north of Davenport Road and a point 9 metres south of Pears Avenue.

4. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Avenue Road, between a point 9 metres south of Pears Avenue and a point 15 metres north of Pears Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Avenue Road, between Davenport Road and Pears Avenue, is classified as a major arterial roadway. It operates two-way north/south and has a pavement width of about 20 metres. It has a daily traffic volume of about 39,500 vehicles and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. TTC service on Avenue Road is provided by the '5 Avenue Rd' bus.

The first laneway north of Davenport Road, west of Avenue Road, is a two-way public lane that is about 3.5 metres in width. It intersects the west side of Avenue Road, between Davenport Road and Pears Avenue. The lane is located between 158 and 160 Avenue Road and provides rear access for garbage collection and parking to surrounding properties.

Collision statistics provided by Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending December 31, 2019 disclosed that one collision had occurred on the section of Avenue Road, between Davenport Road and Pears Avenue. Further review disclosed that vehicles parked adjacent to the lane were not a contributing factor in this collision.

Motorists have reported difficulty entering and exiting the first laneway north of Davenport Road, west of Avenue Road, due to the poor sightlines resulting from the proximity of parked vehicles on Avenue Road. Currently there are no pavement markings or signs indicating the extent of on-street parking. However, under Municipal Code Chapter 950, parking is prohibited within 60cm of a driveway or laneway (statutory unsigned regulation). Field observations have confirmed that motorists are generally parking near the entrance/exit of the laneway.

In order to enhance sightlines for motorists entering/exiting the laneway and provide sufficient clearance area for the '5 Avenue Rd' bus stop located on the north-west corner of Avenue Road and Davenport Road, a stopping prohibition is recommended to deter vehicles from parking in the vicinity of this laneway. Specifically, on the west side of Avenue Road, between Davenport Road and a point 46 metres north.

The proposed amendments will result in the loss of three existing parking machine spaces on the west side of Avenue Road, between Davenport Road and Pears Avenue. These three spaces cannot be maintained as they will impede TTC transit service and cause sightline concerns.

However, during the course of our review, Transportation Services noted that these three pay-and-display parking spaces are signed in the field, but are not technically by-lawed. The existing parking machine regulation for the west side of Avenue Road is to operate between a point 46 metres north of Davenport Road and a point 18 metres further north. Field observations conducted by staff indicated that the current signed parking machine area actually exceeds the existing regulation limits. Adoption of this Recommendation 2 of this report will resolve this inconsistency.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3691, dated February 2020
2. Drawing No. 421G-3812, dated February 2020



