

## **Parking Amendments - Booth Avenue**

**Date:** November 13, 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 from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services recommends amending the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on the west side of Booth Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Louis Kesten Lane, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday. The proposed change will align the operating times of the maximum one-hour parking regulation with the operating times of the permit parking regulation.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that a short-term parking area on the west side of Booth Avenue, between Louis Kesten Lane and a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East, originally installed in August 2000 for the Win Harris Child Care Centre, is currently under-utilized as the centre is no longer operational. As such, Transportation Services recommends the short-term parking area be rescinded and in its place, parking be prohibited at all times.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum 15-minute parking regulation in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Booth Avenue, between Louis Kesten Lane and a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 7:30 a.m., Monday to Friday and at all times Saturday and Sunday, on the west side of Booth Avenue, between a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East and the first lane south of Queen Street East.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Booth Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Louis Kesten Lane, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Booth Avenue, between a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East and Louis Kesten Lane.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services has been advised by the Permit Parking Unit of a conflict between the extension of the overnight on-street permit parking hours and the maximum one-hour parking regulation.

Item TE18.63, entitled "Extension of Permit Parking Hours - Booth Avenue" was adopted without amendment by Toronto and East York Community Council on September 16, 2020 and, in so doing, authorized extension of the overnight on-street permit parking hours on Booth Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily to the new hours from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily.

The existing maximum one-hour parking regulation is in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between Louis Kesten Lane and Eastern Avenue. There is a two-hour window between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. where vehicles without valid parking permits will not be able to park in the designated on-street parking spaces. To eliminate the overlap and provide consistency with the parking regulations, Traffic Operations recommends aligning the operating times of the maximum one-hour parking regulation with the operating times of the permit parking regulation.

In addition, Councillor Paula Fletcher requested removal of the short-term parking area on the west side of Booth Avenue, between Louis Kesten Lane and a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East. The maximum 15-minute parking area was originally installed in August 2000 for the Win Harris Child Care Centre. However, as the centre is no longer operational, the short-term parking spaces are currently under-utilized and will revert back to the previous no parking anytime.

## **Existing Conditions**

Booth Avenue, between Queen Street East and Louis Kesten Lane, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 6.4 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,100 vehicles
- the regulatory speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Booth Avenue, between Louis Kesten Lane and Eastern Avenue, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 6.4 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 500 vehicles
- the regulatory speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- Traffic calming (speed humps) have been installed

The parking regulations on Booth Avenue, within the subject section are as follows:

### **East Side**

- No parking anytime.

### **West Side**

- No parking anytime, between Louis Kesten Lane and a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East,
- No parking from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 7:30 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday and Sunday,
- Maximum 15-minute parking from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Louis Kesten Lane and a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East,
- Maximum one-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between Eastern Avenue and Louis Kesten Lane, and
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily.

## **Proposed Changes**

The existing maximum 15-minute time limit parking and overnight parking prohibition on the west side of Booth Avenue, between Louis Kesten Lane and a point 22 metres south of Queen Street East, will be rescinded and parking will be prohibited at all times instead. Maximum one-hour parking, between Eastern Avenue and Louis Kesten Lane, will be amended so that maximum one-hour parking will be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, to align with the 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday extension of permit parking hours.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421T-0058, dated October 2020  
Parking Amendments - Booth Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue

