

## **Parking Amendments - Sackville Street and Amelia Street**

**Date:** August 23, 2021

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 13, Toronto Centre

### **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 is recommending that the parking regulations be amended on Sackville Street and Amelia Street. The proposed amendments will provide short-term parking to accommodate pick-up and drop-off activity for the proposed daycare at 459-461 Sackville Street. These parking amendments will also help deter double sided parking on the sides of the streets abutting this property during pick-up and drop-off hours of operation.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Sackville Street, between Gerrard Street East and the north end, to be in effect between Gerrard Street East and a point 20 metres south of Amelia Street, and between Amelia Street and the north end of Sackville Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Sackville Street, between Amelia Street and a point 20 metres south.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Amelia Street, between Parliament Street and a point 45.7 metres east of Sumach Street, to be in effect between Parliament Street and Sackville Street, and between a point 27 metres east of Sackville Street and a point 45.7 metres east of Sumach Street.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Amelia Street, between Sackville Street and a point 27 metres east.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Sackville Street, between a point 7 metres south of Amelia Street and a point 5.5 metres further south.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Amelia Street, between a point 10.5 metres east of Sackville Street and a point 16.5 metres further east.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Sackville Street, between a point 7 metres south of Amelia Street and a point 5.5 metres further south.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Amelia Street, between a point 10.5 metres east of Sackville Street and a point 16.5 metres further east.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,562.84. Funding will be borne by the owner of the subject daycare.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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The owner of 459-461 Sackville Street applied to the Committee of Adjustment, Toronto and East York (Application A1167/17TEY) to obtain minor variances from Zoning By-law 569-2013 and Zoning By-law 438-86, as amended, to alter the existing 2 1/2-storey mixed-use building containing four dwelling units and two retail/commercial units by converting the building in its entirety to a day nursery at 459-461 Sackville Street. At its hearing on April 11, 2018, the Committee of Adjustment unanimously refused the application.

The applicant appealed the Committee of Adjustment decision to the Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB). The review request order issued by the TLAB dated on January 8, 2021, indicated that the owner needs to obtain approval for the on-street pick-up and drop-off as a pre-condition of the minor variance approval. The related condition of approval reads as follows:

*"2. The TLAB is in receipt of a written communication from the General Manager, Transportation Services of the City that an appropriate number, safety signage, pavement markings or other forms of delineated on-street parking spaces, in proximity to the subject property and for the purpose of the pick-up and drop-off of daycare children, have or will be provided to the satisfaction of the General Manager".*

## **COMMENTS**

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The proposed daycare is located at 459-461 Sackville Street, on the south/east corner of Sackville Street and Amelia Street in the Cabbagetown Neighbourhood. The proposal is to convert this 2 1/2-storey mixed-use building, containing four dwelling units and two retail/commercial units, to a daycare centre that will accommodate approximately 80 child care spaces.

As part of the pre-hearing order from TLAB on June 26, 2018, the Board requested that the owner of 459-461 Sackville Street also submit a traffic study. Tedesco Engineering prepared a parking needs and traffic assessment study on behalf of the owner, and in part, the consultant recommended the following:

- The establishment of short-term parking areas on both Sackville Street and Amelia Street to accommodate pick-up and drop-off activities for the proposed daycare. Three on-street parking spaces have been identified on Amelia Street, and one space on Sackville Street.
- Parking amendments on both Sackville Street and Amelia Street to help deter double sided parking during pick-up and drop-off activities.
- Pavement marking enhancements at the intersection of Sackville Street and Amelia Street in the form of "zebra" striping to help provide a safer pedestrian crossing environment.

As part of the TLAB final decision rendered on January 8, 2021, Transportation Services was requested to review the consultant's recommendations noted above and determine if they are deemed sufficient.

## **Existing Conditions**

Sackville Street is classified as a local roadway that operates in a southbound direction, and has a pavement width of approximately 7.4 metres. This street has traffic calming in the form of speed humps, a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street, and no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service is provided on Sackville Street.

Amelia Street is classified as local roadway that operates in a westbound direction, and has a pavement width of approximately 5.5 metres. This street has traffic calming in the form of speed humps, a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, and heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street, and no TTC service is provided on Amelia Street.

The parking regulations on Sackville Street and Amelia Street, in the vicinity of 459-461 Sackville Street, are as follows:

### **Sackville Street**

- Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side of Sackville Street.
- Permit parking operates from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily on the west side of Sackville Street. Otherwise parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

### **Amelia Street**

- Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Amelia Street
- Permit parking operates from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily on the north side of Amelia Street. Otherwise parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

### **Proposed Changes**

According to the traffic study prepared by Tedesco Engineering, three short-term parking spaces were proposed on the north side of Amelia Street, and one parking space was proposed on Sackville Street. These parking areas are located in proximity to 459-461 Sackville Street, and are intended to provide parking opportunity for pick-up/drop-off activities. The proposed hours of operation and duration for these pick-up/drop-off areas as follows:

- Parking will be allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Parking will also be prohibited within these areas prior to the start of the operating hours mentioned above to deter parking, and help maintain clear curb space for pick-up/drop-off activities. The following parking prohibition is proposed:

- Parking will be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

In addition to the above, the consultant recommended that the current parking regulation opposite the short term parking areas be increased to help deter double-sided parking and obstruct traffic flow on both Amelia Street and Sackville Street during the daycare hours of operation. The parking regulation recommended is as follow:

- Stopping will be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The consultant also recommended that the current pavement markings at the intersection of Sackville Street and Amelia Street be enhanced by adding "zebra" striping within the pedestrian crossings.

## **Conclusion**

Transportation Services' staff agrees that the pavement markings at the intersection of Sackville Street and Amelia Street should be improved given the proposed daycare activities. Implementing "zebra" striping will make the pedestrian crossing area more visible, and alert drivers approaching that they must watch for and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Transportation Services staff will make the necessary implementation arrangements.

A stopping prohibition that operates from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to be located opposite the pick-up/drop-off areas on Amelia Street and Sackville Street was also proposed by the consultant. This prohibition is an increase from the current "No Parking Anytime" regulation. Under the proposed stopping prohibition, motorists cannot stop in these areas. This regulation would deter double-sided parking, or passenger loading/unloading activities, that will obstruct traffic flow and create an unsafe environment for all road users. Given the narrow road width on both streets, any curbside activity occurring on the south side of Amelia Street or the east side of Sackville Street in the vicinity of 459-461 Sackville Street will obstruct traffic flow. In this regard, Transportation Services recommends that the stopping prohibition be in effect at all times.

The consultant proposed a total of four short term parking spaces to be used for the purpose of daycare pick-up/drop-off activities. Three spaces are proposed on Amelia Street and one space on Sackville Street. These spaces will have a parking duration of 10 minutes, and will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. To deter parking during the start of the pick-up/drop-off times and help maintain a clear curb space, parking will also be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Given that parking in this area is in high demand, and in an attempt to minimize the impact to day-to-day parking in this neighbourhood, the proposed operating hours and number of pick-up/drop-off parking spaces proposed are understandable. The pick-up/drop-off hours of operation are quite focused, and only allows for short term parking in the morning and afternoon for a maximum period of two hours respectively. Outside the pick-up/drop-off hours of operation, parking regulations in these areas will remain unchanged. In addition, the location of both pick-up/drop-off areas ensures that parents and caregivers cross the intersection at Sackville and Amelia Street once. In this regard, Transportation Services' staff recommends the proposed number, location and operating hours of the pick-up/drop-off areas on Amelia Street and on Sackville Street.

Transportation Services acknowledges that a more accurate account of future traffic operational issues may come to light once the daycare is in full operation. In this regard, Transportation Services' staff will continue to work with the local Ward Councillor, and all stakeholders, moving forward to help address any future concerns.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Sackville Street and Amelia Street

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