

Parking Amendments - Morrison Street

Date: August 23, 2021

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 10, Spadina - Fort York

SUMMARY

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 existing parking prohibition on the west side of Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street, be changed to a stopping prohibition. The proposed amendment will discourage illegal parking and improve unobstructed two-way traffic flow and sightlines for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians on Morrison Street.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there were discrepancies between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendations 3 - 7 will correct these inconsistencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and a point 26 metres south.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and a point 15 metres south.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the east side of Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour on the east side of Morrison Street, between a point 26 metres south of Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street, to be in effect between a point 26 metres south of Adelaide Street West and a point 27 metres further south.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Morrison Street, between a point 53 metres south of Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,300.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents, requested that parking regulations on Morrison Street be reviewed to address concerns raised due to traffic flow issues caused by illegal parking.

Existing Conditions

Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street, is a local roadway with sidewalks on both sides. It operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 6.5 metres. The roadway is primarily comprised of residential condominiums with retail in the vicinity. It has a speed limit of 30 km/h. There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service on Morrison Street.

The parking regulations on Morrison Street are as follows:

West Side

- No parking anytime

East Side

- No parking anytime, between Adelaide Street West and a point 26 metres south
- No standing anytime, between Adelaide Street West and a point 15 metres south
- Maximum 1-hour parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street
- Commercial loading zone, between Adelaide Street West and a point 26 metres south
- Pay-and-display parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, between a point 26 metres south of Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street

Proposed Changes

Based on field observations and complaints received, staff confirmed that several vehicles were parked illegally within the signed "No Parking Anytime" area and impacting two-way traffic flow on Morrison Street. Motorists were also observed parking illegally and entering local businesses on this street. As a result, vehicles were parked on both sides of the roadway, impacting traffic operations and compromising the safety of all road users on Morrison Street.

Transportations Services recommends amending the existing parking prohibition on the west side of Morrison Street, between Adelaide Street West and the south end of Morrison Street, to a more restrictive stopping prohibition ("No Parking Anytime" to "No Stopping Anytime").

This proposed amendments should help deter illegal two-sided parking, maintain unobstructed two-way traffic flow, improve sightlines and enhance safety for all road users on this roadway.

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

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected various inconsistencies in the traffic by-law related to the current posted parking regulations along this roadway. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Morrison Street

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