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REPORT FOR ACTION

Parking Amendments - Thelma Avenue

Date: August 23, 2021
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

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 stopping be prohibited at all times on the north side of Thelma Avenue, between Spadina Road and a point 41 metres east of Spadina Road. This is in response to multiple instances where parked vehicles would create congestion and traffic flow concerns on this section of Thelma Avenue. This proposal will improve traffic flow and will not result in the loss of any parking spaces on Thelma Avenue.

During the course of our investigation, a discrepancy was noted between the posted signs and the existing parking regulation by-laws on the south side of Thelma Avenue. The approval of Recommendations 4, 5 and 6 will correct this inconsistency.

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 north side of Thelma Avenue, between Spadina Road and the east end of Thelma Avenue.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize a stopping prohibition to be in effect at all times, on the north side of Thelma Avenue, between Spadina Road and a point 41 metres east.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize a parking prohibition to be in effect at all times, on the north side of Thelma Avenue, between a point 41 metres east of Spadina Road and the east end of Thelma Avenue.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing one hour maximum parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Thelma Avenue, between a point 34 metres east of Spadina Road and the east end of Thelma Avenue, to be in effect between a point 41.3 metres east of Spadina Road and the east end of the east end of Thelma Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize a stopping prohibition to be in effect at all times, on the south side of Thelma Avenue, between a point 30.8 metres east of Spadina Road and a point 10.5 metres further east.

6. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the south side of Thelma Avenue, from Spadina Road to the east end of Thelma Avenue, to be in effect from a point 41.3 metres east of Spadina Road and the east end of Thelma Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$350.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Thelma Avenue intersects the east side of Spadina Road in a "T" type intersection and has a westbound "Stop" sign at Spadina Road. Thelma Avenue is a local roadway that operates two-way on a pavement width of 7.4 metres from Spadina Road to its easterly end and has a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h. There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) route on Thelma Avenue.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Thelma Avenue from Spadina Road to its easterly end.

North Side

• No parking anytime.

South Side

- No stopping anytime, between Spadina Road and a point 13.1 metres east, and between a point 30.8 east of Spadina Road and a point 10.5 metres further east.
- 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. on Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours, at the rate of \$3.00 per hour, between a point 13.1 metres east of Spadina Road to a point 17.7 metres further east.
- One-hour maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., between a point 41.3 metres east of Spadina Road and the east end of Thelma Avenue.
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., between a point 41.3 metres east of Spadina Road and the east end of Thelma Avenue.
- Three-hour maximum parking limit at other times (unsigned, statutory).

Parking is prohibited on the north side of Thelma Avenue from Spadina Road to its easterly end. Staff's review has confirmed the presence of illegal parking on the north side of Thelma Avenue, east of Spadina Road (opposite from TD Canada Trust). These parked vehicles can create congestion and traffic flow concerns on this section of Thelma Avenue.

Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of prohibiting stopping on this section of Thelma Avenue across from TD Canada Trust. Based on our review and consultation with the Ward Councillor, we can support the installation of "No Stopping Anytime" on the north side of Thelma Avenue, between Spadina Road and a point 41 metres east of Spadina Road. This will discourage illegal parking and will not allow for parking of vehicles with accessible permits in this area. This proposal will improve traffic flow and will not result in the loss of any parking spaces on Thelma Avenue.

Housekeeping Issues

During the course of our investigation, a discrepancy was noted between the posted signs and the existing parking regulation by-laws on the south side of Thelma Avenue. The approval of recommendations 4, 5 and 6 will correct this inconsistency.

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

CONTACT

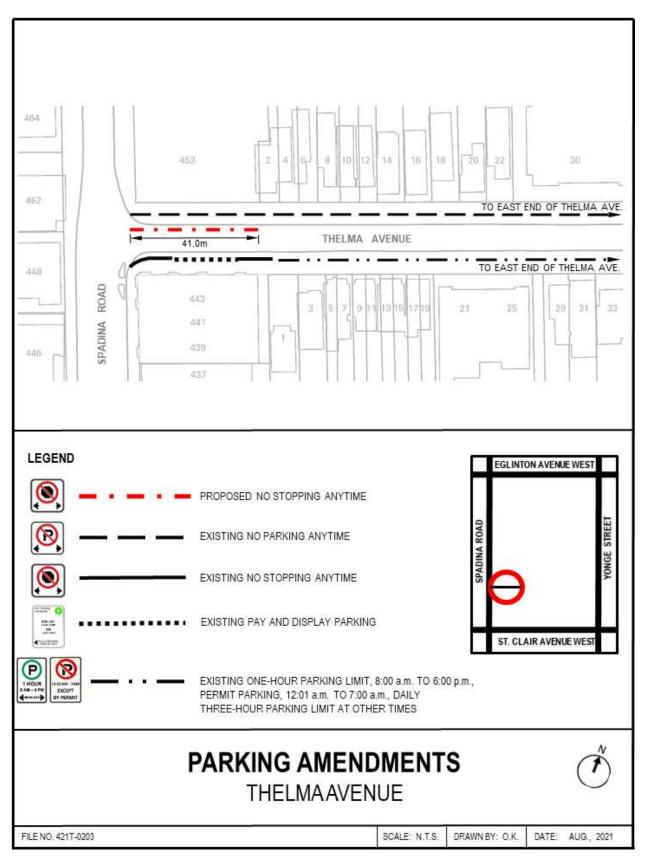
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Thelma Avenue



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