

Parking Amendments - Victoria Park Avenue

Date: March 15, 2022

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 19, Beaches - East York; Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest

SUMMARY

As Victoria Park Avenue borders two Community Council areas, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending that the parking regulations be amended on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue, north of Queen Street East. The proposed amendment will extend an existing parking prohibition in effect on the west side of the street, an additional 8 metres further north to encompass a section between two closely spaced driveways on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue. This parking amendment will discourage parking between the two driveways and will provide unobstructed sightlines for motorists.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue, between a point 90 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 30 metres further north, to be in effect between a point 90 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 38 metres further north.
2. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times from the 16th to the end of each month on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue, between a point 120 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 73 metres further north, to be in effect between a point 128 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 65 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$550.00. Funding is available within the approved 2022 Operating Budget for Transportation Services.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward 19 Councillor, on behalf of a local resident, requested that the parking regulations on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue be reviewed to prevent vehicles from blocking driveways and sightlines while parking between two closely spaced driveways on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Victoria Park Avenue, north of Queen Street East, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.4 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 2,800 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue within the subject section are as follows:

- No parking from the 1st to the 15th of each month between a point 15 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 75 metres further north
- No parking anytime between a point 90 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 30 metres further north
- No parking from the 16th to the end of each month between a point 120 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 73 metres further north
- Three-hour time limit parking is in effect where permitted

The northern extent of the existing 30-metre parking prohibition on the west side of Victoria Park Avenue, that starts at a point 90 metres north of Queen Street East, is located between two closely spaced driveways. Currently, due to the placement of the parking signage, vehicles parking between the two driveways cannot fit within the portion that parking is legal and therefore, they park too closely to the driveways and obstruct sightlines for residents attempting to exit their driveways.

Proposed Changes

The extension of the existing no parking regulation further north, will remove the substandard on-street parking space between the two driveways, which will improve sightlines, and eliminate conflicts between parked vehicles and vehicles attempting to exit the driveways.

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

The Ward Councillors have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Victoria Park Avenue

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