

Parking Amendments - Cassandra Boulevard

Date: June 10, 2022

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 16 - Don Valley East

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 parking be allowed for a maximum of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, September to June, on the north side of Cassandra Boulevard, between the south intersection with Underhill Drive and a point 135 metres west. The existing parking prohibition in effect at all times in this area will remain outside the times of the proposed 10 minute parking limit. We also recommend a parking prohibition on the south side of Cassandra Boulevard, between Underhill Drive and Redwillow Drive, in effect during the times of the 10 minute parking limit.

The proposed changes will provide short-term parking in front of Cassandra Public School for parents/guardians to accompany students to/from the school. Currently parents/guardians must cross the street to access the school. There are more parking spaces on the north side as it is along Underhill Park and there are no driveways to properties. The 10 minute parking limit will promote parking turnover. The proposed parking prohibition on the south side of the street will allow for safe and efficient two-way traffic on Cassandra Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Cassandra Boulevard, between Underhill Drive (south intersection) and a point 135 metres west of Underhill Drive (south intersection), to be in effect from 1st day of July to the last day of August, inclusive between Underhill Drive (south intersection) and a point 135 metres west.

2. North York Community Council prohibit parking from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the next following day, Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday on the north side of Cassandra Boulevard, between Underhill Drive (south intersection) and a point 135 metres west, from the 1st day of September to the last day of June, the following year inclusive.

3. North York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, September to June, on the north side of Cassandra Boulevard, between Underhill Drive (south intersection) and a point 135 metres west.

4. North York Community Council prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, September to June, on the south side of Cassandra Boulevard, between Underhill Drive (south intersection) and Redwillow Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,000. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2022 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of Cassandra Public School, requested Transportation Services to investigate the possibility of providing short-term parking spaces for the school, in order to facilitate pick-up and drop-off activity.

Existing Conditions

Cassandra Boulevard is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east/west collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Cassandra Public School is located on the north side of the street
- A school safety zone is designated on Cassandra Boulevard
- Underhill Park is adjacent to the east side of the school property

The parking regulations on Cassandra Boulevard, within the subject section are as follows:

North side

- No parking anytime, between Underhill Drive and a point 135 metres west
- No stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 135 metres west of Underhill Drive and a point 36.6 metres east of Whitefriars Drive
- School bus loading zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., between a point 152.4 metres west of Underhill Drive and a point 46 metres further west

South side

- Three hour maximum parking limit (unsigned statutory)

Proposed Changes

Currently parents park on the south side of Cassandra Boulevard and cross the street to accompany students to/from the school. The proposed short-term parking on the north side of the street will allow parents to park on the school side of the street. There are more parking spaces on the north side as it is along Underhill Park and there are no driveways to properties. The 10 minute parking limit will promote parking turnover. The proposed parking prohibition on the south side of the street will allow for safe and efficient two-way traffic on Cassandra Boulevard.

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

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments (Option 2) - Cassandra Boulevard

