

Parking Amendments - Unity Road

Date: January 31, 2022

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

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 standing be prohibited at all times on the east side of Unity Road at its intersection with the public lane located north of Torbrick Road. The proposed amendment will deter parking near the lane and will improve sightlines for vehicles and pedestrians.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of Unity Road, between a point 25 metres north of Torbrick Road and a point 20 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2022 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on January 6, 2022, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE30.40 (Safer Streets in old Riverdale), where among other things, Transportation Services were requested to remove a parking space on the east side of Unity Road, at the public lane located north of Torbrick Road, to improve sightlines. The Toronto and East York Community Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.TE30.40>

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of the residents of Old Riverdale, requested that standing be prohibited at all times on the east side of Unity Road, north of the public lane located north of Torbrick Road, to ensure that parked vehicles do not obstruct sightlines for vehicles and pedestrians using the lane.

Existing Conditions

Unity Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, local roadway
- It generally runs north-south, but undergoes a lateral shift north of Torbrick Road
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on Unity Road are as follows:

East Side

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times

West Side

- No parking anytime

Proposed Changes

Transportation Services staff conducted a site visit on December 20, 2021 and determined that parked vehicles on the east side of Unity Road, north of the laneway located north of Torbrick Road, can obstruct sightlines for vehicles and pedestrians using the lane. The concerns are exacerbated by the horizontal curve in this section of Unity Road. A standing prohibition would eliminate these potential sightline obstructions. One parking space will be lost as a result of this proposal.

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

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Unity Road

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