

## **Parking Amendments - Cosburn Avenue**

**Date:** January 31, 2021

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

### **SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Cosburn Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending that the existing parking prohibition on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, in the vicinity of the underground garage ramp to 50 Cosburn Avenue, be upgraded to a standing prohibition. The proposed amendment will deter parking near the ramp by accessible permits holders and improve sightlines for vehicles and cyclists.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendation 3 will correct this inconsistency.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, between a point 61.5 metres east of Logan Avenue and a point 23 metres further east.
2. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, between a point 61.5 metres east of Logan Avenue and a point 23 metres further east.
3. City Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and a point 52 metres east of Logan Avenue, to be in effect between Broadview Avenue and a point 52 metres west of Logan Avenue.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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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**

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At its meeting on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, City Council adopted Clause No. 46 of Report No. 8 and in so doing, approved a parking prohibition at all times on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, between a point 61.5 metres east of Logan Avenue and a point 23 metres further east, to enhance sight lines between motorists emerging from the underground parking garage at 50 Cosburn Avenue and motorists travelling on Cosburn Avenue. The City Council decision can be found at:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2005/agendas/council/cc051026/te8rpt/cl046.pdf>

## **COMMENTS**

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The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of 50 Cosburn Avenue, requested that standing be prohibited at all times on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, east of Logan Avenue in the vicinity of the underground garage ramp to 50 Cosburn Avenue. This change is intended to address concerns with parked vehicles impeding sightlines for cyclists on Cosburn Avenue as well as motorists exiting the underground parking garage.

### **Existing Conditions**

Cosburn Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is an east-west, minor arterial roadway that provides a single lane in each direction for general traffic
- There are also bicycle lanes provided in both directions
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 11 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 7,300 vehicles
- The posted speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by 322 Coxwell and 87 Cosburn routes
- There are sidewalks provided on both sides of the street

The surrounding land use mostly consists of residential condominiums buildings. Chester Elementary School and Westwood Middle School are located on the south of Cosburn Avenue.

The parking regulations on Cosburn Avenue, in the vicinity of the underground garage ramp to 50 Cosburn Avenue, are as follows:

#### **North Side**

- No standing anytime, between Logan Avenue and a point 61.5 metres further east
- No parking anytime, between a point 61.5 metres east of Logan Avenue and point 23 metres further east

#### **South Side**

- No stopping between Broadview Avenue and Lesmount Avenue

#### **Proposed Changes**

The existing parking prohibition around the underground parking ramp, on the north side of Cosburn Avenue, legally allows vehicles with accessible parking permits to park. These parked vehicles occasionally block sightlines for vehicles exiting the underground parking garage as well as westbound cyclists on Cosburn Avenue. As accessible parking permit holders are not exempt from standing prohibitions, the proposed changes would address these concerns and improve sightlines.

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**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Cosburn Avenue

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