

Parking Amendment - Bessarion Road

Date: January 9, 2023

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 17 – Don Valley North

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting North York Community Council to amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Bessarion Road, between Caracas Road and a point 35 metres north, to a stopping prohibition in effect at all times.

The proposed stopping prohibition will promote clear sight lines for eastbound left-turning motorists at the intersection of Bessarion Road and Caracas Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Bessarion Road, between Caracas Road and a point 35 metres north.
2. North York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Bessarion Road, between Caracas Road and a point 35 metres north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$400.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services interim 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, on behalf of local residents, to prohibit stopping on the west side of Bessarion Road, north of Caracas Road. Residents advised that parked or stopped vehicles obstruct sight lines at the intersection, despite the existing parking prohibition.

Existing Conditions

Bessarion Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way on a pavement width of approximately 11 metres
- There is no TTC service provided
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of the road

The parking regulations on Bessarion Road are as follows:

West side

- Maximum three-hour parking (unsigned)
- No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., December 1 and March 31, former North York Winter Maintenance Bylaw
- No parking at all times, between Caracas Road and a point 35 metres north

West side

- Maximum three-hour parking (unsigned)
- No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., December 1 and March 31, former North York Winter Maintenance Bylaw

Proposed Changes

The proposed stopping prohibition will prohibit accessible permit holders from parking and other motorists from stopping on the west side of Bessarion Road, between

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Caracas Road and a point 35 metres north. This will promote clear sightlines for eastbound left-turning motorists at the intersection.

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 Amendment - Bessarion Road

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