

Parking Amendments - Caribou Road

Date: March 29, 2023

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence

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 prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Caribou Road, between a point 44 metres east of Bathurst Street and Glen Rush Boulevard. Currently parking is allowed for up to three hours at all times in this area. It is also recommended that the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Caribou Road, between a point 19 metres east of Bathurst Street and Glen Rush Boulevard, be amended to a stopping prohibition in effect at all times.

The proposed changes will alleviate traffic congestion caused by a combination of the parking activity of customers of businesses on Bathurst Street and student drop-off and pick-up activity of a private school on the south east corner of Caribou Road and Glen Rush Boulevard.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between the on-street signage and the posted signs. Recommendation 4 will correct this inconsistency. There is also a discrepancy between the existing parking meters and the parking meter schedule. Recommendation 5 will correct this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Caribou Road, between a point 44 metres east of Bathurst Street and Glen Rush Boulevard.

2. North York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Caribou Road, between a point 36 metres east of Bathurst Street and Chicoutimi Avenue, to be in effect between Glen Rush Boulevard and Chicoutimi Avenue.

3. North York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times, on the south side of Caribou Road, between a point 19 metres east of Bathurst Street and Glen Rush Boulevard.

4. North York Community Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Caribou Road, between Glen Rush Boulevard and a point 71 metres west of Chicoutimi Avenue, to be in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Glen Rush Boulevard and a point 104 metres west of Chicoutimi Avenue.

5. North York Community Council amend the existing parking meter regulation on both sides of Caribou Road, between a point 8 metres east of Bathurst Street and a point 36 metres east of Bathurst Street, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for a maximum period of two hours at a rate of \$1.00 per hour, to be in effect on the south side of Caribou Road, between a point 8 metres east of Bathurst Street and a point 11 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,200. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of Caribou Road, requested Transportation Services to amend the parking regulations on Caribou Road to alleviate traffic congestion caused by business parking and the student drop-off and pick-up activity of Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah.

Existing Conditions

Caribou Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west local roadway that runs west from Bathurst Street
- It operates two-way on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The road widens to 15.5 metres within 46 metres of Bathurst Street
- The signed speed limit is 40 km/h

- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service
- There is a sidewalk on the south side of the street

Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah is an elementary school located on the south east corner of the intersection of Caribou Road and Glen Rush Boulevard.

The parking regulations on Caribou Road, within the subject section are as follows:

North side

- Three hour maximum parking limit (unsigned statutory)
- Pay and Display Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between a point 8 metres east of Bathurst Street and a point 36 metres further east

South side

- No parking anytime, between a point 19 metres east of Bathurst Street and Glen Rush Boulevard
- Metered Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, between a point 8 metres east of Bathurst Street and a point 11 metres further east

Proposed Changes

Customers of businesses on Bathurst Street and parents of students of Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah park on the north side of Caribou Road during school arrival and dismissal times. Parents also stand or stop on the south side of the road while dropping off or waiting to pick-up their children. This activity obstructs two-way traffic.

The proposed parking prohibition to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Caribou Road, will allow parents to drop-off and pick-up their children without leaving their vehicle. This will promote more efficient use of the available space. Parents that need to walk their children into the school can park on local streets east of the school.

The proposed stopping prohibition on the south side of Caribou Road will result in adequate space for two-way traffic and reflect stopping prohibitions on Caribou Road and Glen Rush Boulevard adjacent to the school property.

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 - Caribou Road

