

Parking Amendments - Rhodes Avenue

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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 to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending overnight on-street permit parking be permitted on both sides of Rhodes Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue. The proposed amendment will increase the number of available on-street parking spaces while maintaining the one-way traffic flow on Rhodes Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the west side of Rhodes Avenue, between a point 43.5 metres south of the north end of Rhodes Avenue and the lane first north of Gerrard Street East to be in effect between Fairford Avenue and a point 43.5 metres south of the north end of Rhodes Avenue.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the east side of Rhodes Avenue, between the north end of Rhodes Avenue and the lane first north of Gerrard Street East to be in effect between Fairford Avenue and the north end of Rhodes Avenue.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect anytime, from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the west side of Rhodes Avenue, between a point 268.2 metres north of Fairford Avenue and the lane first north of Gerrard Street East to be in effect between Fairford Avenue and a point 268.2 metres north.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind parking for a maximum period of one hour, in effect anytime, first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the east side of Rhodes Avenue, between Lane first north of Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind parking for a maximum period of one hour, in effect anytime, 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the west side of Rhodes Avenue, between Lane first north of Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind parking for a maximum period of one hour, in effect anytime December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the east side of Rhodes Avenue, between Lane first north of Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. at all times, except no parking from the 16th day to the last day of each month, inclusive; from April 1 to November 30, inclusive; no parking anytime from a point 32 metres south of the Canadian National Railway right-of-way to a point 6 metres further south on the odd (east) side of Rhodes Avenue, from Gerrard Street East to a point 240.8 metres north of Fairford Avenue, to be in effect, daily, except no parking from the 16th day to the last day of each month, inclusive; from April 1 to November 30, inclusive from Fairford Avenue to a point 240.8 metres north.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council authorise permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking anytime from Gerrard Street East to Lane first north of Gerrard Street East, on the odd (east) side of Rhodes Avenue, from Gerrard Street East to Fairford Avenue.
9. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. at all times, except no parking from the first day to the 15th day of each month, inclusive; and no parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive; on the even (west) side of Rhodes Avenue, from Gerrard Street East to a point 240.8 metres north of Fairford Avenue, to be in effect from Fairford Avenue to a point 240.8 metres north
10. Toronto and East York Community Council authorise permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking anytime from Gerrard Street East to Lane first north of Gerrard Street East, on the even (west) side of Rhodes Avenue, from Gerrard Street East to Fairford Avenue.

11. Toronto and East York Community Council authorise parking for a maximum period of one hour, daily on both sides of Rhodes Avenue, between Lane first north of Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue.

12. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing on-street accessible parking space on the west side of Rhodes Avenue between a point 76.5 metres south of Fairford Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,900.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor forwarded a petition from residents of Rhodes Avenue, requesting the parking be permitted on both sides of Rhodes Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Rhodes Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.4 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto and Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks provided on both sides of the street

The surrounding land use consists of single-family residential dwellings.

The parking regulations on Rhodes Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue, are as follows:

East side

- Permit parking, from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive; and from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive
- Parking for a maximum period of one-hour anytime, in effect from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, and from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive
- No parking anytime from the 16th day to the last day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30

West side

- Permit parking, from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30
- Parking for a maximum period of one-hour anytime, in effect from 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive
- No parking anytime from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive

Proposed Changes

In an effort to improve the current parking arrangement and increase the number of available on-street parking spaces on Rhodes Avenue, residents have submitted a petition to the Ward Councillor's office requesting that the current alternate-side parking on Rhodes Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue, be discontinued and replaced with parking on both sides of the roadway.

The impact of discontinuing alternate-side parking and affixing parking to both sides of the road will result in the reduction of City street-sweeping services. Alternate-side parking allows clear access for vehicular street sweepers to opposite curbs, in Rhodes Avenue's case, on a bi-monthly basis. As a result of these parking amendments, vehicles park year-round on both sides of Rhodes Avenue, making the curbs inaccessible for street sweepers. Therefore, manual street sweeping operations, which occurs on a less frequent basis, would have to be undertaken. Manual sweeping is less efficient and may not provide the level of service that residents may be accustomed to.

In addition to the above noted concerns, winter operations will negatively be impacted when snow accumulation along the curb, combined with on-street parking, further narrows the unimpeded width of the road. In a two-sided parking condition, snow plow operators will be required to plow snow towards both curbs, resulting in windrows of snow against parked vehicles. Besides a narrower travel lane, this will result in vehicles pushing snow back on to the road when exiting their parking spaces. The windrows of snow could potentially block motorists from access to their vehicle, depending on the amount of snowfall.

Permit parking staff were consulted have no objections to or concerns with the discontinuation of alternate-side parking on Rhodes Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue.

Beyond the potential for a reduction of street-sweeping services, Transportation Services has no objections to replacing the existing alternate-side parking with parking on the both sides of Rhodes Avenue. This parking amendment will generate additional on-street parking spaces, while maintaining the flow of one-way traffic on Rhodes Avenue.

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 - Rhodes Avenue

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