

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Toronto and East York Community Council  
City Hall, Committee Room 1  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Council Members,

**RE: Changing Parking Regulations for Mosques in Toronto Centre**

Many residents in the Regent Park neighbourhood have reached out to my office regarding parking tickets being issued on Fridays during prayer times at local mosques.

In order for the City of Toronto to champion equity, we must provide accommodation for all faiths, not just those observed on Sunday mornings. The city doesn't charge for parking on Sunday mornings until 1:00pm in most neighbourhoods.

We have marginalised groups in our community whose needs must be addressed. This is the first step to a larger process that I want to undertake across the city to support multi-faith institutions including but not limited to mosques, synagogues and temples.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

- Request the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to investigate the feasibility and report back to the April 2023 meeting on changing parking regulations to ensure that parking is free for at least one hour per vehicle between the hours of 12:00PM and 3:00PM every Friday on the following streets:
  - West side of Parliament Street between Shuter Street and Dundas Street.
  - East Side of Parliament Street between Shuter Street and St. David Street.
  - East and West Side of Parliament Street between Dundas Street and Oak Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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