

Parking Amendments - Emily Street

Date: May 5, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending that standing be prohibited from Monday to Saturday on the west side of Emily Street, between King Street West and Wellington Avenue West. The proposed parking amendment will replace an existing parking prohibition and will improve traffic operations, traffic flow and sight lines exiting the various underground parking garages on this roadway.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendations 1 and 4 will correct this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, Monday to Friday, and from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., on Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays; from April. 1 to November 30 of the same year, inclusive, on the west side of Emily Street, between King Street West and Wellington Street West.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Emily Street, between King Street West and Wellington Street West.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times, Monday to Saturday on the west side of Emily Street, between King Street West and Wellington Street West.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Emily Street, between a point 31 metres north of Wellington Street West and a point 47.5 metres south of King Street West.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$800.00. 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 local residents, requested that standing be prohibited from Monday to Saturday on the west side of Emily Street, between Wellington Street West and King Street West, to discourage parking and improve traffic flow, sight lines and traffic operation on this roadway.

Existing Conditions

Emily Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a north-south, local roadway
- Between Wellington Street West and a point 71 metres north, it operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- Between a point 71 metres north of Wellington Street West and King Street West, it operates one-way traffic northbound on a pavement width of approximately 6.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no Toronto and Transit Commission (TTC) services provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

St. Andrews Church is located nearby at 73 Simcoe Street and there are a number of driveways on both sides of the street serving the adjacent residential buildings.

The parking regulations on Emily Street, between King Street West and Wellington Street West, are as follows:

West side

- Parking is prohibited from Monday to Saturday
- Parking is prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday
- At other times, parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours

East side

- Parking is prohibited at all times between a point 9 metres north of Wellington Street West a point 22 metres further north (Car-Share Parking)
- Parking is prohibited at all times between a point 31 metres north of Wellington Street West a point 11 metres further north (Car-Share Parking)
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of 20 minutes between a point 10 metres south of King Street West and a point 37.5 metres further south (Delivery Vehicle Parking Zone)
- Parking is prohibited at all times in the remaining sections

Proposed Changes

In an effort to deter parking and improve traffic flow, safe traffic operation and sight lines exiting the underground parking garages on Emily Street, residents, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, requested that the existing parking prohibition in effect from Monday to Saturday on the west side of the street be replaced by a standing prohibition that is also in effect from Monday to Saturday.

Under the current parking prohibition one could legally load/unload goods, and motorists displaying accessible parking permits, are exempt from this prohibition allowing them to park long-term. The standing prohibition is a more stringent regulation, which allows for the pick-up/drop-off passengers only. All other curbside activities are prohibited.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendment 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 - Emily Street

