

Parking Amendments - Muriel Avenue

Date: June 6, 2023

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 from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to affix parking to the west side of Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place, in place of the existing alternate side parking arrangement. This is in response to a petition, received from the Ward Councillor's office, signed by the residents of Muriel Avenue, requesting the discontinuation of the alternate-side parking on this section of Muriel Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:00 midnight to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, at all times; except no parking 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the odd (east) side of Muriel Avenue, from 33.5 metres north of Gertrude Place to Selkirk Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:00 midnight to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, at all times; except no parking from first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the even (west) side of Muriel Avenue, from 33.5 metres north of Gertrude Place to Selkirk Street.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, on the even (west) side of Muriel Avenue, from Selkirk Street to Gertrude Place.
4. 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 Muriel Avenue, between Gertrude Place and a point 57.76 metres north of Selkirk Street, to be in effect between Selkirk Street and a point 57.76 metres north.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind 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 Muriel Avenue, between Gertrude Place and a point 57.8 metres north of Selkirk Street.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the west side of Muriel Avenue, between Gertrude Place and Selkirk Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$750.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor forwarded a petition from residents of Muriel Avenue, requesting the discontinuation of alternate-side parking and affixing parking on the side with the maximum number of parking spaces on Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place.

Existing Conditions

Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates one-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.2 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto 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 Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place, are as follows:

East side

- No parking anytime from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive
- Permit parking from 12:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, from 16th day to the last day of each month, and from April 1 to November 30, inclusive
- Three-hour statutory parking, all other times

West side

- No parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, and from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive
- Permit parking, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive
- Three-hour statutory parking, all other times

Proposed Changes

In an effort to improve the current parking arrangement on Muriel Avenue, residents have submitted a petition to the Councillor's office requesting that the current alternate-side parking on Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place, be discontinued and replaced with parking affixed to the side with the maximum number of parking spaces.

Permit parking staff were consulted with regards to the capacities of each side of Muriel Avenue as well as any comments they may have. They confirmed that there are nineteen on-street parking spaces on either side of the street. They also indicated that they have no objections to or concerns with the discontinuation of alternate-side parking on this section of Muriel Avenue.

Given that there are equal parking spaces on both sides of the street and more driveway accesses on the east side, it is recommended to affix parking to the west side to limit the chances of parked vehicles impeding access to driveways.

The impact of discontinuing alternate-side parking and affixing parking to one side of the road will likely result in the reduction of City street-sweeping services. Alternate-side parking allows clear access for vehicular street sweepers to opposite curbs, in Muriel Avenue case, on a bi-monthly basis. Affixing parking to one side will result in vehicles parking year round on the same side of Muriel Avenue, making the curb 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.

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 west side only, on Muriel Avenue, between Selkirk Street and Gertrude Place. This parking amendment will not affect the number of on-street parking spaces on Muriel Avenue.

A map of the area of 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 - Muriel Avenue

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