

Parking Amendments – St. John's Road

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 4, Parkdale-High Park

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 the existing parking by permit hours on the south side of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue, be extended from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily.

Transportation Services is also recommending the installation of parking for a maximum period of one hour, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue. The proposed parking amendments will discourage long-term daytime parking and promote parking turnover on this section of St. John's Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking by permit regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the odd (south) side of St. John's Road from Gilmour Avenue to Runnymede Road be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one-hour from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Upon receiving a petition from residents of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue, Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor to review the feasibility of:

- Extending the existing permit parking hours from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily, on the south side of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue; and
- Installing a maximum parking period of one-hour from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue

Existing Conditions

St. John's Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9.8 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 2,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided for this roadway
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times

The surrounding land use on St. John's Road consists of single-family residential dwellings. Runnymede Healthcare Centre is situated on the north side of St. John's Road, just east of Runnymede Road.

The parking regulations on St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue, are as follows:

North side

- No parking anytime

South side

- Permit parking, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour parking is permitted at all other times

Proposed Changes

Outside the permit parking hours of operation the general public is permitted to currently park on the south side of St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue, for a maximum period of three hours. In an effort to improve the current parking arrangements on St. John's Road, residents consulted with the Ward Councillor and determined that a maximum one-hour parking on St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour Avenue, is preferred. In addition, the extension of the existing permit parking hours was also requested for this segment of the St. John's Road. The proposed changes were to address concerns regarding the low parking turnover during the daytime, due to long-term parking. In order to increase vehicular turnover and provide additional opportunities for daytime parking, residents requested that on-street parking be subject to a maximum one-hour time limit and parking by permit hours be allowed from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily.

On-street permit parking holders are exempt from the one-hour parking limit. The maximum one-hour parking limit will impact visiting motorists. The Councillor's office was advised that residents' visitors, including guests, caretakers and service people of Runnymede Healthcare Centre, will all be subject to the maximum one-hour parking limit. However, on-street parking turnover will increase, allowing for additional opportunities to find parking.

Permit parking staff were consulted with regards to extending the permit parking hours and any additional comments. It was stated that there were no objections or concerns with extending the permit parking hours from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily.

As the residents have been advised of the impacts, Transportation Services has no objections to a maximum one-hour parking limit from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on St. John's Road, between Runnymede Road and Gilmour 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 – St. John's Road

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