

## **Pay-and-Display Parking - Dufferin Street**

**Date:** October 30, 2023

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 9, Davenport; Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's

### **SUMMARY**

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As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Dufferin Street, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of on-street paid parking on the east side of Dufferin Street, between Rogers Road and Eversfield Road. This request is to provide new on-street paid parking to offset the parking loss from the closure of Municipal Car Park 670.

Transportation Services and TPA reviewed this segment of Dufferin Street for parking areas that are functionally safe, appropriate, and economically viable. The addition of approximately eight new proposed on-street paid parking spaces on the east side of Dufferin Street will help serve local business parking demands, in particular the clients of the Dufferin Medical Centre and encourage regular turnover throughout the day to maximize parking available to clients and patrons.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition, in effect at all times, on the east side of Dufferin Street, between Holmesdale Road and Rogers Road.
2. City Council prohibit parking at all times, on the east side of Dufferin Street, between Rogers Road and a point 43 metres further north.

3. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the east side of Dufferin Street, between a point 43 metres north of Rogers Road and a point 57 metres further north, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour.
4. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Dufferin Street, between a point 100 metres north of Rogers Road and Holmesdale Road.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the necessary signage changes are included within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

All costs associated with the installation of the parking machines will be assumed by TPA. These recommendations, if fully implemented, are projected to generate an increase in annual gross revenue of up to \$7,000 from the on-street paid parking program.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On June 8, 2021, City Council adopted Item GL23.17 - 2053 Dufferin Street - Municipal Car Park 670 to remove Municipal Car Park 670 from the list of municipal parking facilities identified in Chapter 950 of the Toronto Municipal Code. It was declared surplus land by the TPA due to ongoing financial losses and closed in June 2021. The City Council decision can be found at:

[Agenda Item History - 2021.GL23.17 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from the Dufferin Medical Centre (2045 Dufferin Street), to investigate the feasibility of adding on-street parking to offset the loss of parking resulting from the closure of the adjacent Municipal Car Park 670 (2053 Dufferin Street).

This parking lot was previously located on the east side of Dufferin Street, north of Rogers Road. It was declared surplus land by the Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) due to ongoing financial losses and was closed in June 2021.

The closest adjacent parking lot is Municipal Car Park 658, which is located on the west side of Dufferin Street, north of Bloem Avenue. From this car park, access to the Dufferin Medical Centre requires crossing Dufferin Street or travelling approximately 140 metres south to the intersection of Dufferin Street and Rogers Road. This may not be practical and/or safe for seniors and those with mobility challenges, particularly during winter months.

Transportation Services and TPA staff reviewed converting the existing no parking, anytime section of Dufferin Street to pay parking. The review considered parking areas that would be functionally safe, appropriate, and economically viable.

The existing parking regulations on the east side of Dufferin Street, between Rogers Road and Holmesdale Road, are as follows:

- No parking anytime
- No stopping from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Based on the review, Transportation Services is recommending the introduction of on-street paid parking area on the east side of Dufferin Street, from a point 43 metres north of Rogers Road and a point 57 metres further north. The proposed parking will operate outside the existing peak period stopping prohibitions and provide eight new on-street paid parking spaces. It will help serve local business parking demands, in particular the clients and patrons of the Dufferin Medical Centre and encourage regular turnover throughout the day to maximize parking available to patrons.

The TTC was notified and satisfied with the proposed on-street paid parking regulations, provided the current 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday stopping restriction is maintained.

This section of Dufferin Street, from Dufferin Gate to Wilson Avenue, has been selected as part of the TTC's RapidTO: Bus and Streetcar Priority study. This 5-Year Service Plan and 10-Year Outlook will evaluate implementing transit priority solutions to improve service reliability. As a result, there is a possibility that this proposed on-street paid parking area may have to be relocated, or removed in the future.

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The Ward Councillors have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Pay-and-Display Parking - Dufferin Street

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