

## **Parking Amendments - Mimico GO Station Area - Newcastle Street and Audley Street**

**Date:** June 26, 2024

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

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

**Wards:** Ward 3 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is recommending that the parking regulations on Newcastle Street and Audley Street be amended to allow for parking on the north/west sides of the subject streets between Windsor Road and Portland Street, subject to the City-wide unsigned maximum three-hour by-law. Furthermore, that parking be prohibited at all times on the south/east sides of these streets. The proposed changes will prohibit parking on the side of these streets in which the TTC bus operates, while providing on-street parking for overflow parking from the Mimico GO station.

A companion report, titled "Parking Regulation Amendments - Mimico GO Station area - Buckingham Street and Windsor Street" outlines the parking amendments for streets without Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Newcastle Street, between Royal York Road and Audley Street, to be in effect from Royal York Road and Windsor Street.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., daily, on the west side of Audley Street, between Portland Street and Newcastle Street.
3. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Audley Street, between Portland Street and Newcastle Street.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, requesting a review of parking regulations in the area north of the Mimico GO Station, bounded by Portland Street to the north, Royal York Road to the west, the rail line to the south and Audley Street to the east, due to various concerns regarding overflow parking generated by patrons utilizing the Mimico GO Station.

Additional off-street parking was to have been provided as part of developments in the area, including an additional 300 parking spaces allocated for patrons of GO Transit. However, recently the developer has been placed into receivership and future of the redevelopment is currently unknown.

Parking is being proposed in locations abutting empty properties that are in various stages of the development approvals process, except one block on the north side of Newcastle Street, between Windsor Street and Birmingham Street, which is comprised existing commercial properties.

### **Existing Conditions**

Newcastle Street 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 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is eastbound only TTC service provided by the 176 Mimico GO bus
- There are no sidewalks on either side of the street
- Mimico Go Station is located south of Newcastle Street and east of Royal York Road

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on both sides of Newcastle Street between Royal York Road and Audley Street. However, during our investigation it was noted that signs were missing on the north side of the street between Windsor Street and Buckingham Street, in which motorists were utilizing the parking in this area.

Audley Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h

- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is northbound only TTC service provided by the 176 Mimico GO bus
- There are no sidewalks on either side of the street

The parking regulations on Audley Street, within the subject section are as follows:

**West side**

- No parking 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., daily
- The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., daily

**East side**

- The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times

**Proposed Changes**

The proposed parking amendments will prohibit parking on the east side of Audley Street. In conjunction with the existing no parking regulation on the south side of Newcastle Street, will deter parking within these areas, allowing for two-way traffic to be accommodated on these streets, including TTC buses. Allowing parking, subject to the unsigned city-wide unsigned three-hour maximum on a portion of the north side of Newcastle Street and the west side of Audley Street, will provide on-street parking for transit patrons that cannot be accommodated within the Mimico GO Station parking lot.

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**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Vicinity of the Mimico GO Station

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