

Pay-and-Display Parking - Audley Street and Newcastle Street

Date: October 9, 2024

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 3, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

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

Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) has worked with Transportation Services to identify new on-street paid parking in Ward 3 that will support the local community and area businesses by providing additional parking for patrons that currently cannot be accommodated within the Mimico GO Station parking lot.

Through this review, Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of on-street paid parking at various locations in Ward 3. The proposed parking changes are all within areas that are currently subject to the unsigned three-hour maximum parking regulation and will not impact the flow of traffic.

A companion report, titled "Pay-and-Display Parking – Windsor Street and Buckingham Street" outlines the required parking amendments for streets in Ward 3 without TTC service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the amendments to parking regulations required to establish new on-street paid parking locations, as set out in Attachment 2, to the report "Pay-and-Display Parking – Audley Street and Newcastle Street" dated October 9, 2024, from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All cost associated with the necessary signage changes are included within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

All costs associated with the installation of parking machines will be assumed by the TPA. These recommendations, if fully implemented, are projected to generate an increase in annual gross revenue of up to \$500,000 from the on-street paid parking program.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative, however, below is a previous decision related to the subject matter:

City Council, at its meeting of July 24, 2024, approved parking amendments on Newcastle Street and Audley Street in the Mimico GO Station Area to prohibit parking on the side of these streets on which the TTC bus operates and to allow on-street parking for overflow parking from the Mimico GO station.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EY15.20>

COMMENTS

On-street parking spaces are typically the most convenient in serving areas of high demand, including local business areas. Given various concerns regarding the need for overflow parking generated by the Mimico GO Station within this community, the proposed 12-hour stay on-street parking is meant to serve as additional parking for GO Transit patrons, that typically require parking for longer than three-hours.

Transportation Services and TPA have reviewed the parking regulations in the subject community within Ward 3 and have identified locations that would benefit from the introduction of on-street paid parking to better serve area demands and accommodate the maximum number of users. Currently, the proposed locations all have no posted regulations and are subject to the statutory three-hour maximum parking limit at all times.

The proposed paid parking is abutting vacant properties 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 of existing commercial properties.

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

Proposed Changes

New on-street paid parking is proposed on the following streets:

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- Audley Street – west side, between Portland Street and a point 15 metres north of Newcastle Street – 20 spaces
- Newcastle Street – north side, between Windsor Street and Buckingham Street – 12 spaces
- Newcastle Street – north side, between Buckingham Street and a point 15 metres south of Audley Street – 16 spaces

The proposed changes will not impact the flow of traffic and will result in approximately 48 new on-street paid parking spaces.

Several agency partners provided comments on the proposed changes, including Transportation Services and the TTC. Comments advised of bus operations on the south side of Newcastle Street and east side of Audley Street. Therefore, the proposed parking will not affect their operations. Other comments provided noted future planned bikeways along Audley Street and Newcastle Street. These initiatives would not preclude implementation of paid parking in the near term. However, TPA will re-engage with the relevant agency partners to address any future impacts. Additionally, the proposed parking is abutting vacant properties that are subject to future redevelopment. As these properties are redeveloped it may be required to amend or remove all or portions of the proposed paid parking.

While this report seeks City approval for the installation in Ward 3, this is an ongoing initiative, and Transportation Services and TPA will continue to review and report on potential new on-street paid parking opportunities throughout the City of Toronto.

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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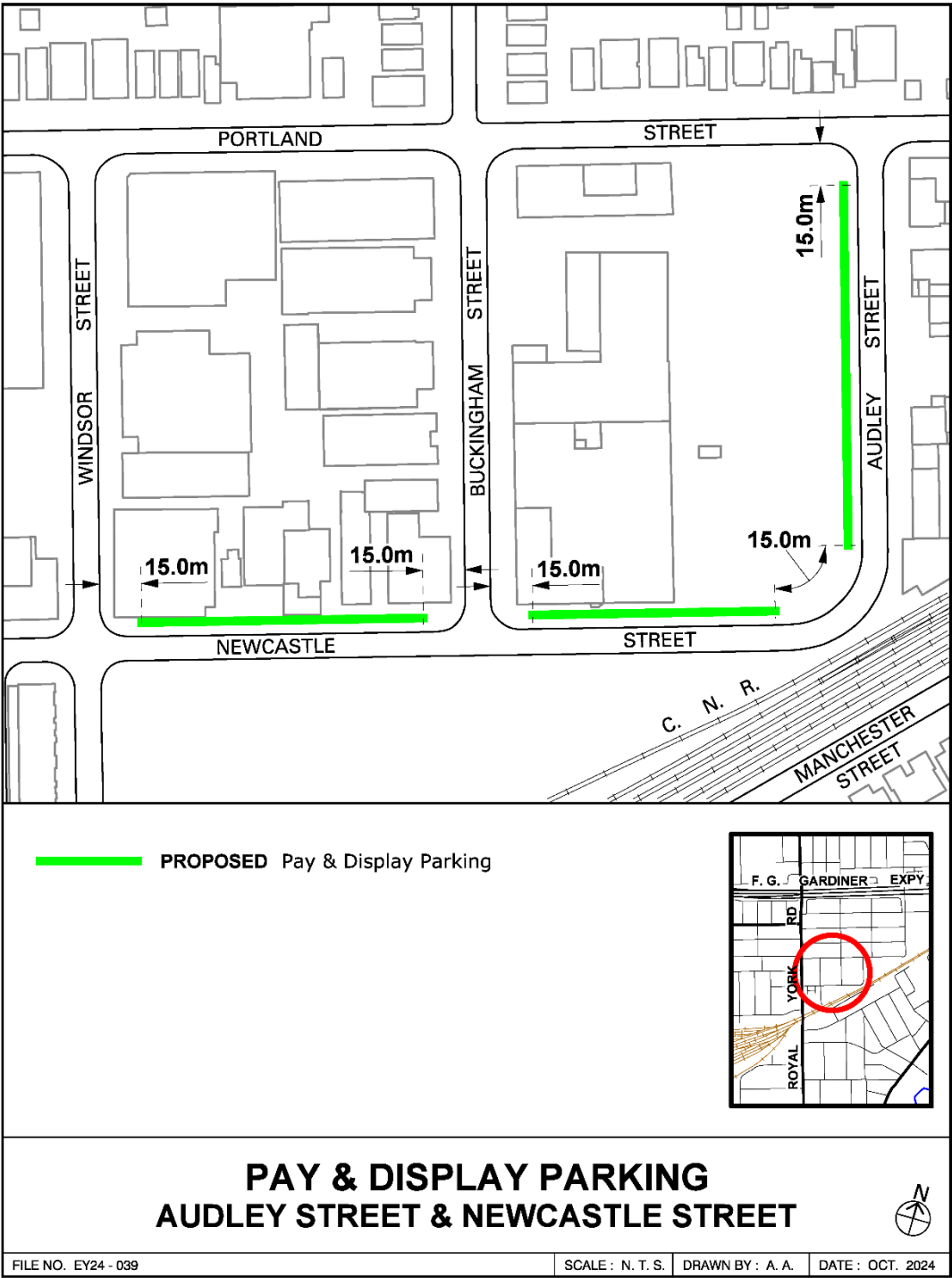
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Pay-and-Display Parking - Audley Street and Newcastle Street

Attachment 2: Parking Regulations to be Enacted

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Attachment 2: Parking Regulations to be Enacted

Chapter 910, Schedule I – Parking Machines

Highway	Side	Between	Hours (daily as indicated below)	Fee/Time Limit	Maximum Parking Period
Audley Street	West	Portland Street and a point 15 metres north of Newcastle Street	All times	\$5.25 for 12 hours	24 hours
Newcastle Street	North	Windsor Street and Buckingham Street	All times	\$5.25 for 12 hours	24 hours
Newcastle Street	North	Buckingham Street and a point 15 metres west of Audley Street	All times	\$5.25 for 12 hours	24 hours