

Parking Amendments - Toynbee Trail

Date: January 3, 2024

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

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 parking regulations on Toynbee Trail, adjacent to St. Ursula Catholic Elementary School (2151 Livingstone Road), be amended. The proposed changes will align the operating times of the short-term parking areas with the school's hours of operation and will assist in ensuring safer traffic flow during peak times for all modes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Toynbee Trail, between Livingston Road (south intersection) and a point 210.5 metres east of Livingston Road (south intersection).
2. Scarborough Community Council enact 30-minute time-limited parking from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Toynbee Trail, between Livingston Road (south intersection) and a point 210.5 metres east of Livingston Road (south intersection).
3. Scarborough Community Council prohibit parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Toynbee Trail, between Livingston Road (south intersection) and a point 210.5 metres east of Livingston Road (south intersection).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents and school staff, requested a review of the existing parking regulations along the south frontage of St Ursula Catholic Elementary School in order to improve conditions during pick-up and drop-off times on Toynbee Trail. Subsequently, the implementation of a 30-minute time-limited parking and parking prohibition during school hours on the north and south sides of Toynbee Trail, respectively was determined to be an ideal arrangement.

Existing Conditions

Toynbee Trail is characterized by the following conditions:

- The subject segment is a two-lane, east-west local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 6.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 800 vehicles
- The speed limit will be reduced to 30 km/h from 40 km/h in the future, as per SC32.11 - Vision Zero Road Safety Plan Speed Limit Reductions to 30 kilometres per hour on Local Roads and Public Lanes - Scarborough Area (Ward 20 and Ward 24)
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are no sidewalks on either side of the street

The adjacent land use in this area is predominantly single family residential, with St. Ursula Catholic Elementary School located along the north side of the subject segment of Toynbee Trail.

The parking regulations on Toynbee Trail, within the subject section, are as follows:

North side

- No parking, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

South side

- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all times

Proposed Changes

The existing parking prohibition on the north side of Toynbee Trail, east of Livingston Road (south intersection), has produced a number of safety concerns during pick-up and drop-off times for St. Ursula Catholic Elementary School. Currently, parents are not permitted to park along the school frontage on Toynbee Trail. With parking being permitted on the south side, the current conditions result in parents and children having to cross Toynbee Trail, midblock, in order to access parked vehicles. With volumes being elevated during pick-up and drop-off hours, concerns of potential conflicts between crossing pedestrians and motorists is raised.

The proposed parking amendments will allow for short-term parking along the north side of Toynbee Trail, along the school's frontage, and will prohibit parking on the south side of Toynbee Trail. These conditions will encourage parents to park along the school frontage when undertaking pick-up or drop-off activities, and will discourage motorists engaging with the school from parking on the south side. The time limit for the north side regulation will promote turnover, while the operating times for south side prohibition will ensure residents have access to on-street parking outside of school hours.

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 - Toynbee Trail

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