

Parking Amendments - Sammon Avenue

Date: January 2, 2024

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Planning, Design and Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

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 stopping be prohibited at all times on three short sections of the north side of Sammon Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Dewhurst Boulevard North, to accommodate three mid-block curb extensions. Currently there is permit parking along these blocks and the change will result in the loss of two permit parking spaces in Area 8A. This parking zone, 8A, has ample availability to absorb the loss.

The proposed changes align with and support other safety improvements that will be constructed as part of the road reconstruction of Sammon Avenue planned in 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Planning, Design and Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Sammon Avenue, between a point 82.6 metres east of Pape Avenue and a point 5.4 metres further east.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Sammon Avenue, between a point 85.5 metres west of Woodycrest Avenue and a point 4.4 metres further west.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Sammon Avenue, between a point 89.4 metres east of Woodycrest Avenue and a point 5 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,050. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2024 Interim Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 21, 2022, Toronto and East York Community Council requested the General Manager, Transportation Services include the installation of pedestrian safety improvements in the upcoming road reconstruction of Sammon Avenue. The Community Council decision can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.TE32.90>

COMMENTS

Sammon Avenue is programmed for road reconstruction in 2024 from Linsmore Crescent to Pape Avenue. As part of the City's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, staff have been directed by Council to look for opportunities to integrate safety improvements into the City's state-of-good-repair program. In April 2022, Toronto and East York Community Council requested that the General Manager, Transportation Services, include pedestrian safety improvements specifically as part of the planned Sammon Avenue road reconstruction work in 2024.

Based on this direction, staff have planned the following safety improvements along Sammon Avenue: widened sidewalks, curb extensions and curb radius reductions at all intersection corners where possible, three mid-block curb extensions, a raised intersection in a school zone, accessibility improvements and pavement marking upgrades.

The recommended by-law changes in this report support the overall pedestrian safety improvement plan for the corridor, specifically accommodating the three mid-block curb extensions.

Existing Conditions

Sammon Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, residential collector roadway;
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.6 metres;
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 990 vehicles;
- The speed limit is 30 km/h;
- There is a heavy truck prohibition at all times;
- There is no TTC service; and
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street.

Permit Parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on the even side of Sammon (north side) between Pape Avenue and Donlands Avenue. This section of roadway is included in permit parking Area 8A. Outside these times, three-hour parking is in effect.

Proposed Changes

Transportation Services is recommending prohibiting stopping in three short sections of Sammon Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Dewhurst Boulevard North to provide space for the curb to be bumped out, on the north side of the road. These three mid-block curb extensions will be bumped out to align with curb extensions planned at adjacent intersections. They will frame-in existing parking and align the narrowed travel lane width to reinforce the posted speed limit for vehicles travelling on Sammon Avenue.

These three segments are all located between tightly spaced driveways with the shortest segment not meeting the City's minimum parking stall length of 4.67 metres. The change will therefore result in the loss of two permit parking spaces but will improve pedestrian safety along the corridor. Permit parking area 8A has 1791 spots, with 1486 permits issued, therefore there is no concern with the loss of two spaces.

Maps of the area and proposed parking amendments are included in Attachments 1, 2, and 3.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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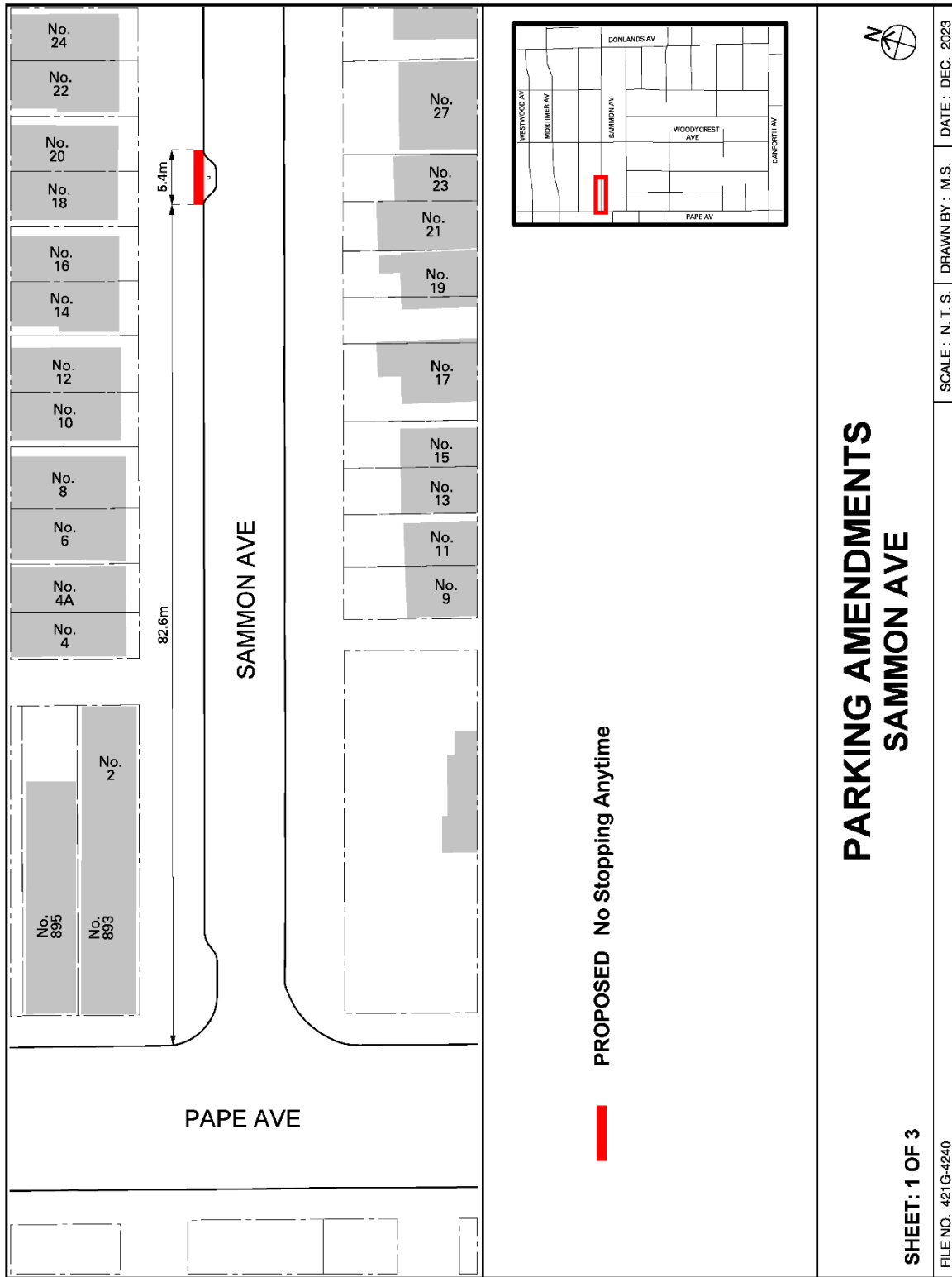
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments on Sammon Avenue (1 of 3)

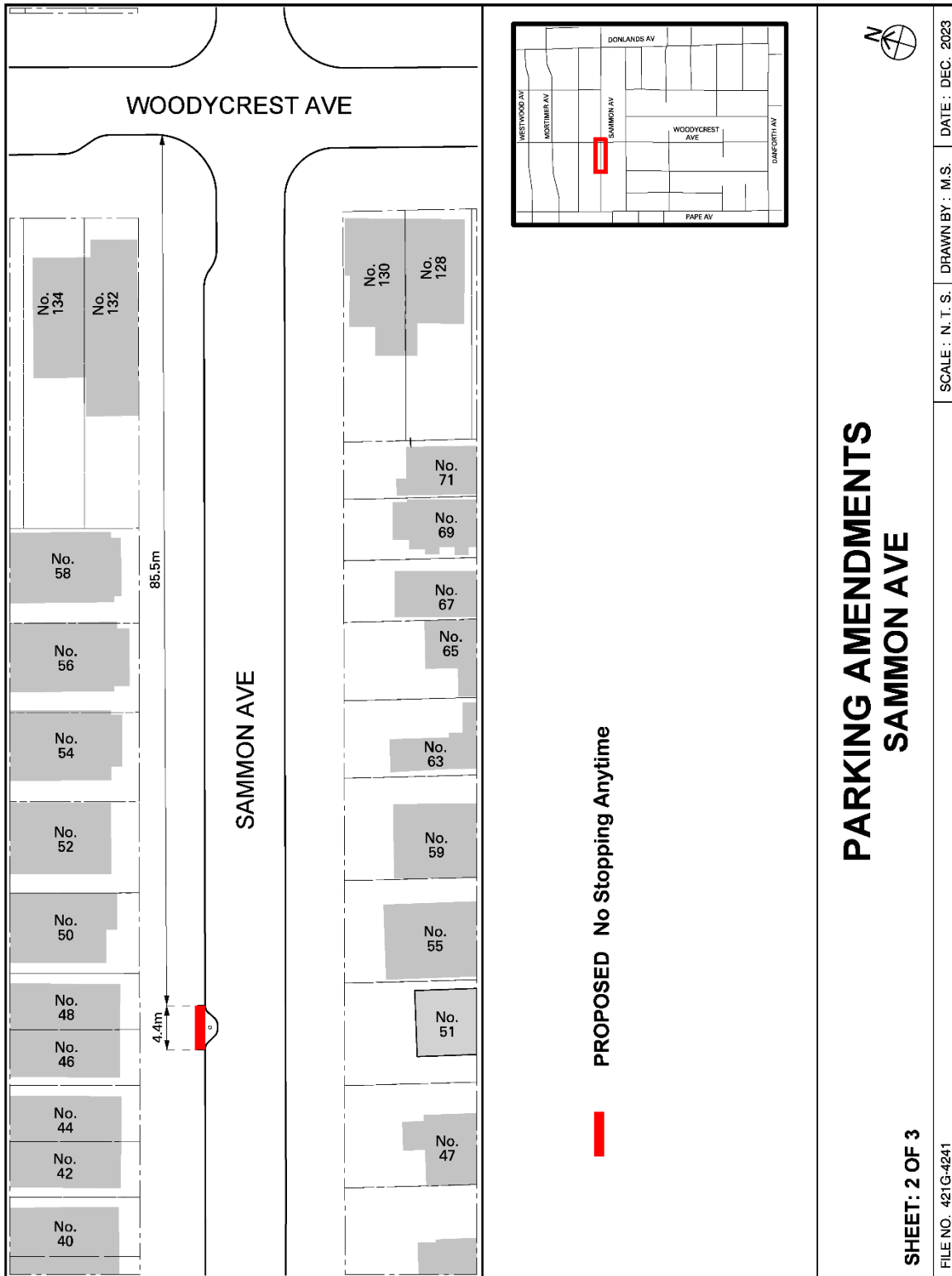
Attachment 2: Map - Parking Amendments on Sammon Avenue (2 of 3)

Attachment 3: Map - Parking Amendments on Sammon Avenue (3 of 3)

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