

## **Parking Amendments - Donlands Avenue**

**Date:** January 8, 2024

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

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

**Wards:** Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is recommending that the existing alternate side parking on Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue, be rescinded and affixed to both sides of the street. This is in response to a petition, received from the Ward Councillor's office, signed by the residents of Donlands Avenue, requesting the discontinuation of the alternate side parking between Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendations 7 and 8 will correct this inconsistency.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, during the months of May, July, September, and November, on the even (west) side of Donlands Avenue from Sammon Avenue to Milverton Boulevard.
2. City Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October, and December, on the odd (east) side of Donlands Avenue from Sammon Avenue to Milverton Boulevard.

3. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times during the months of May, July, September, and November, on the east side of Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and a point 420 metres north of Danforth Avenue.
4. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October, and December, on the west side of Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and a point 420 metres north of Danforth Avenue.
5. City Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, on the odd (east) side of Donlands Avenue, from Milverton Boulevard to Mortimer Avenue.
6. City Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, on the even (west) side of Donlands Avenue, from Milverton Boulevard to Mortimer Avenue.
7. City Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, during the months of May, July, September, and November, on the even (west) side of Donlands Avenue from Mortimer Avenue to Sammon Avenue.
8. City Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October, and December, on the odd (east) side of Donlands Avenue from Mortimer Avenue to Sammon Avenue.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage cost associated with the proposed amendments is approximately \$900.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2024 Interim Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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The Ward Councillor's office forwarded a petition from residents of Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue, requesting the discontinuation of alternate side parking on Donlands Avenue to accommodate the area residents' parking needs.

## **Existing Conditions**

Donlands Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, north-south, minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 13.3 metres
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- There is TTC service provided by the 56 Leaside bus route
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street.

The surrounding land use consists of single-family residential dwellings.

The parking regulations on Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue, are as follows:

### **East side**

- No parking anytime, during the months of May, July, September, and November
- Permit parking from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October, and December
- Three-hour statutory parking, all other times

### **West side**

- No parking anytime, during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October, and December
- Permit parking from 11:0 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., daily, during the months of May, July, September, and November
- Three-hour statutory parking, all other times

In an effort to improve the current parking arrangement on Donlands Avenue, residents have consulted with and submitted a petition to the Ward Councillor's office requesting that the current alternate side parking on Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue, be discontinued and affixed to both sides of the road thus increasing number of parking spaces in this section of Donlands Avenue.

Permit parking staff were consulted with regards to these changes on Donlands Avenue, between Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue and are in support of these changes.

The impact of discontinuing alternate-side parking and affixing parking to both sides of the road will likely result in the reduction of City street-sweeping services. Alternate-side parking allows clear access for vehicular street sweepers to opposite curbs. Affixing parking to both sides will make the curb inaccessible for street sweepers. Therefore, manual street sweeping operations, which occurs on a less frequent basis, may be undertaken. Manual sweeping is less efficient and may not provide the level of service that residents may be accustomed to. Beyond the potential for a reduction of street-sweeping services, Transportation Services has no objections to replacing the existing alternate-side parking with parking on both sides, on Donlands Avenue, from Mortimer Avenue and Sammon Avenue.

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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Donlands Avenue

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