

Parking Amendments - Thistle Down Boulevard

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 1 - Etobicoke North

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending that the existing signed parking prohibition from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east, south, west and north sides (inner loop) of Thistle Down Boulevard, be amended to prohibit parking at all times, in conjunction with the installation of the proposed speed cushions on Thistle Down Boulevard as outlined in the companion report titled "Traffic Calming (Speed Cushions) - Thistle Down Boulevard". The proposed amendment will deter parking and allow transit operations to traverse the speed cushion as required by TTC operations.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendation 2 will correct this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the east, south, west and north sides of Thistle Down Boulevard (inner circle), between the south limit of Thistle Down Boulevard (west leg) and the west limit of Thistle Down Boulevard (south leg).
2. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 5:00 to 7:00, Monday to Friday on the south, east and north side (inner circle) of Thistle Down Boulevard, between Bondhead Place and Kintail Road to be in effect from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south, east and north side of Thistle Down Boulevard (outer circle), between Bondhead Place and Kintail Road

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$3,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of Thistle Down Boulevard, requested speed cushions be investigated for installation and it has been determined that the traffic calming warrants have been met and are the subject of a companion report titled "Traffic Calming (Speed Cushions) - Thistle Down Boulevard". As part of that installation, due to the TTC bus 118 running clockwise on the subject section of Thistle Down Boulevard, TTC requires that parking be prohibited at all times on the inner loop to allow their buses to traverse the speed cushions as designed.

Existing Conditions

Thistle Down Boulevard is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north, south, east, west, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume varies between 800 to 4,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 118 bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in the area consists of detached residential dwellings. Saint-Noël-Chabanel Catholic Elementary School is located west of the intersection of Albion Road and Thistle Down Boulevard. St. John Vianney Catholic School is located opposite the intersection of Thistle Down Boulevard and Judhaven Road. Thistle Down Boulevard, between Albion Road and Barkwin Drive as well as between Deanlea Court and Bondhead Place, are designated Community Safety Zones.

The parking regulations on Thistle Down Boulevard, within the subject section are as follows:

Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of Thistle Down Boulevard between Albion Road and Thistle Down Boulevard.

Outer loop

- No parking anytime, between Dashwood Crescent (west intersection) and a point 113 metres west and south thereof.

- No stopping, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Bankfield Drive and a point 40 metres east
- Parking for a maximum of 10 minutes, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 40 metres east of Bankfield Drive and a point 66 metres east of Bankfield Drive
- School bus loading zone, between a point 35 metres west of Judhaven Road and a point 35 metres further east
- No stopping, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 39.5 meters west of Alhart Drive and Alhart Drive
- No parking 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Bondhead Place and Kintail Road

Inner loop

- No parking 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, entire inner loop - signs are posted in the field but no regulation
- No stopping 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Bankfield Drive and Bridgenorth Crescent (west intersection)

Proposed Changes

The posted signs on the subject section of Thistle Down Boulevard currently prohibit parking within the entire inner loop between 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The proposed parking amendments will amend this to be in effect at all times and is required to accommodate TTC bus 118 operations. This regulation would be implemented in conjunction with the with the installation of the proposed speed cushions on Thistle Down Boulevard.

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 - Thistle Down Boulevard

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