

Revised Free-Floating Car-Share Program

Date:	June 27, 2024
To:	Infrastructure and Environment Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	Ward: All

City Council Decision

City Council on June 26 and 27, 2024, referred [Item IE13.4](#) to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for further consideration with the Parking Strategy in the first quarter of 2025, and requested the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with other appropriate City Divisions, to report on the following:

- a. the impact of allowing an expanded free-floating car-share program outside of permit parking areas/streets in the development of the Parking Strategy;
- b. the impact of allowing an expanded free-floating car-share program outside of permit parking areas/streets on winter maintenance operations;
- c. the possibility to continue to enforce parking regulations when car-share vehicles are in use;
- d. the options for free-floating car-share vehicles dropping off and picking up off-street parking arrangements, rather than solely in public locations designated for permit parking under Municipal Code Chapter 925; and
- e. the development of a communications strategy on the expansion of the free-floating car-share program outside of permit parking area/streets.

Committee Recommendations

The Infrastructure and Environment Committee recommends that:

1. City Council approve the amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 925 Permit Parking, and City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to allow for an expanded free-floating car-share program outside of permit parking areas / streets, generally as outlined in Attachment 1 to the report (April 18, 2024) from the General Manager, Transportation Services.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bills to give effect to City Council's decision and City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make any necessary clarifications, refinements, minor modifications, technical amendments, or by-law amendments as may be identified by the City Solicitor, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services in order to give effect to Recommendation 1 above.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council's approval to allow for the expansion of the Free-Floating Car Share Program through several Municipal Code amendments. These changes include exemptions from, the city-wide 3-hour unsigned parking rule, restricted parking prohibitions on highways with maximum permitted limits of one (1) hour or more, and from parking prohibitions, in the former North York, from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year on highways set out in Schedule IV to City of Toronto Municipal code Chapter 950. In addition, the report also seeks to remove the limits for the number of permits issued to one company (currently set at 1,000 permits on a first-come-first-serve basis) and the total number of permits that can be issued city-wide (currently limited to 2,000).

Given that the primary focus of the existing program is to allow parking in permit parking areas, should City Council approve Municipal Code amendments associated with these exemptions, the Free-Floating Car-Share program will become more accessible to those residents living in neighbourhoods located in the former Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke-York areas of the city, which are outside permit parking areas.

Background Information (Committee)

(April 18, 2024) Report and Attachment 1 from the General Manager, Transportation Services on Revised Free-Floating Car-Share Program

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-245116.pdf>

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Communications (City Council)

(May 4, 2024) Multiple Communications from 12 Individuals (from May 4 to May 6, 2024) (CC.Main)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/cc/comm/communicationfile-179887.pdf>

(May 15, 2024) E-mail from Iain Campbell (CC.Supp)

(May 17, 2024) E-mail from Mark Shaw (CC.Supp)
(May 17, 2024) E-mail from Anna Alger (CC.Supp)
(May 17, 2024) E-mail from Paul Genyk-Berezowsky (CC.Supp)
(May 18, 2024) E-mail from Hailey Scott (CC.Supp)
(May 18, 2024) E-mail from Andrew McCallum (CC.Supp)
(May 21, 2024) E-mail from Juzer Kheraluwala (CC.New)