

Parking Amendments - Varna Drive

Date: January 31, 2025

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton Lawrence

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 existing 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday parking prohibition on the west side of Varna Drive, between Ranee Avenue and the north end of the street, be amended to a one-hour maximum parking limit during these times. The proposed change will provide short-term parking for nearby businesses and residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Varna Drive, between Ranee Avenue and the north end of Varna Drive.
2. North York Community Council prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Varna Drive, between a point 30.5 metres north of Ranee Avenue and the north end of Varna Drive.
3. North York Community Council approve a one-hour maximum parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Varna Drive, between a point 30.5 metres north of Ranee Avenue and the north end of Varna Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000. Funding is available within the Transportation Services interim 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of nearby businesses, requested that short-term parking be allowed on the west side of Varna Drive, north of Raneer Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Varna Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north/south local roadway
- It operates two-way on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 400 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on the west side of the street
- There are retail and professional spaces on the ground floor of the condominium on the southwest corner of the intersection of Raneer Avenue and Varna Drive.
- There are bicycle lanes on both sides of Raneer Avenue, west of the intersection.
- Bicycle lanes are planned on both sides of Varna Drive, south of Raneer Avenue.

Parking is currently prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Varna Drive, between Raneer Avenue and the north end of Varna Drive. As part of the review of this matter, it was revealed that the statutory parking prohibition within 30.5 metres of the traffic control signals at the intersection of Raneer Avenue and Varna Drive is not signed. This prohibition will be signed as part of this report.

Proposed Changes

It is feasible to change the existing 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday parking prohibition on the west side of Varna Drive, between a point 30.5 metres north of Raneer Avenue and the north end of the street, to a one-hour maximum parking limit during these times. This will provide approximately ten parking spaces for customers of nearby businesses and residents. This will have a negligible impact on traffic operations.

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 - Varna Drive

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