

Parking Amendments - Talara Drive, Caracas Road, Bessarion Road

Date: August 29, 2025

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Streets Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 17 - Don Valley North

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 parking be limited to one side of the street for the entire length of Talara Drive, Caracas Road and Bessarion Road. Currently, parking is generally allowed for the unsigned statutory three-hour limit on both sides of these streets. Parking on both sides of the street obstructs two-way traffic. The proposed parking prohibitions will address this matter.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendations 2 and 3 will correct this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Enforcement and Streets Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the north and west side of Talara Drive, between Greenbriar Road and Caracas Road (north intersection).
2. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east and south side of Caracas Road, between Talara Drive (southwest intersection) and a point 183 metres north of Talara Drive (southwest intersection).
3. North York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east and south side of Caracas Road, between Talara Drive (south intersection) and Bessarion Road.

4. North York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Bessarion Road, between Sheppard Avenue East and the south end of Bessarion Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,500. 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, requested that parking be limited to one side of Talara Drive, Caracas Road and Bessarion Road, in order to address traffic congestion caused by parking on both sides of the street.

Existing Conditions

Talara Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is two-lane, east-west and north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times on both sides of the entire length of Talara Drive.

Caracas Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is two-lane, north-south and east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times on both sides of the east-west segment of Caracas Road and the west side of the north-south segment. Parking is prohibited at all times on the east side of the north-south segment of Caracas Road.

Bessarion Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times on both sides of Bessarion Road, except on the west side, between Caracas Road and a point 35 metres north, and both sides, within 30.5 metres of Sheppard Avenue East, where parking is prohibited at all times.

Proposed Changes

The existing unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit on both sides of Talara Drive, Caracas Road and Bessarion Road often results in two-way traffic being obstructed by vehicles parked on both sides of the street. The proposed parking prohibitions on one side of these streets will address this matter.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

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

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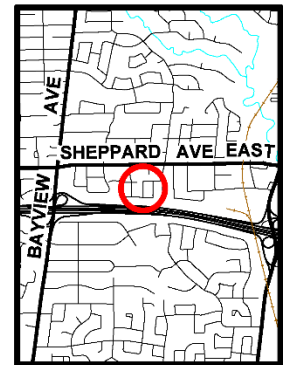
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Talara Drive / Caracas Drive / Bessarion Road

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- PROPOSED No Parking Anytime
- EXISTING No Parking Anytime
- EXISTING 3HR Maximum Parking (Unsigned)



PARKING AMENDMENTS TALARA DRIVE / CARACAS DRIVE / BESSARION ROAD



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