

Parking Amendments - Hanna Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The Ward Councillor has received numerous complaints about vehicles parking in close proximity to the intersection corners on the east side of Hanna Avenue, at East Liberty Street and at Snooker Street. Vehicles are parking within the corner parking prohibition and impacting traffic operations and safety to pedestrians crossing. Transportation Services recommends the corner parking prohibitions on this block from be increased to stopping prohibitions to further deter parking in these areas and improve safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Hanna Avenue, between East Liberty Street and a point 15 metres further north.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Hanna Avenue, between Snooker Street and a point 21 metres further south.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking machine regulation on the east side of Hanna Avenue, between East Liberty Street and Snooker Street in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$4.25 per hour, to be in effect between a point 21 metres south of Snooker Street and a point 85 metres north of East Liberty Street, and to be in effect between a point 15 metres north of East Liberty Street and a point 31 metres further north.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Hanna Avenue, between a point 46 metres north of East Liberty Street and a point 39 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The local community has raised concerns with intersection safety on Hanna Avenue, between East Liberty Street and Snooker Street. In particular, vehicles are illegally parking on the east side of Hanna Avenue, in close proximity to East Liberty Street and Snooker Street. Parking close to a corner limits visibility for drivers attempting to turn, increasing the risk of collisions with all road users.

Existing Conditions

Hanna Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 900 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The surrounding land uses surrounding Hanna Avenue consists of offices, parks, retails and residential dwellings. This area also includes various local shops and restaurants.

The parking regulations on Hanna Avenue, between East Liberty Street and Snooker Street, are as follows:

East side

- Pay parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times
- Along a partial section parking is prohibited at all times

West side

- No stopping anytime

Vehicles parking in close proximity of a corner limits the visibility of pedestrians and oncoming motorists for drivers attempting to turn, increasing the risk of collisions with all road users.

Transportation Services staff conducted field observations on January 27, 2024, during the morning and afternoon period. Staff observed no on-street parking taking place within the corner parking prohibition on the east side of Hanna Avenue, at Snooker Street or at East Liberty Street at that time. However, staff did observe heavy pedestrians' traffic in this area and noted that sitelines would be impacted if motorists parked in close proximity to both intersections, potentially impacting traffic operations and safety for all road users.

Proposed Changes

In order to address these concerns, Transportation Services is recommending changing the existing corner parking prohibitions on the east side of Hanna Avenue, south of Snooker Street and north of East Liberty Street, to stopping prohibitions.

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

Recommendation 4 is a house-keeping matter which addresses a discrepancy in our Traffic By-law.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Hanna Avenue

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