

Streetscape Improvements and Parking By-law Amendments - Draper Street

Date: April 10, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Planning, Design and Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 10 Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

Draper Street between Front Street West and Wellington Street West is scheduled for watermain replacement, road reconstruction, and streetscape improvements in 2025.

Transportation Services is recommending shifting on-street parking from the east side of Draper Street to the west side in order to accommodate various streetscape improvements planned along the length of Draper Street. The proposed amendment would not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Planning, Design and Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council approve amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-laws for Draper Street between Wellington Street West and Front Street West as described in Attachment 2 to the report (April 10, 2025) from the Director, Planning, Design and Management, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost to implement the proposed street improvements that necessitate the parking by-law amendments recommended in this report is \$500,000. Funding has been secured through Section 37 Funds from various developments in the area and is available in the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services (CTP424-05).

DECISION HISTORY

On May 22 and 23, 2024, City Council authorized the release of \$500,000 for streetscape improvements on Draper Street; fully funded by Section 37 community benefits secured for streetscape improvements on Draper Street from the development at 410, 440, 444, 450 and 462 Front Street West; 425, 439, 441 and 443 Wellington Street West; 6-18 Spadina Avenue and 1 and 19 Draper Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700900).

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COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the local Councillor, as part of a Section 37 Agreement with adjacent developments, to enhance the streetscape on Draper Street between Front Street West and Wellington Street West, to improve road safety and pedestrian accessibility. The proposed changes involve shifting the on-street parking from the east side to the west side of Draper Street. Proposed design changes include the addition of curb extensions, curb radii reductions at intersections, a mid-block curb extension with a raised crosswalk for safe pedestrian connection to the Draper Park. and localised widening of sidewalk adjacent to hydro poles.

Existing conditions

Draper Street between Front Street West and Wellington Street West is characterised by the following conditions:

- One-way northbound local road;
- The speed limit is 40km/h;
- There is no TTC service;
- There is on-street permit parking along east side at all times, except no parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Wellington Street West to a point 70.1 metre further south;
- Parking for restricted periods along east side between Wellington Street West and a point 43 metre south, and a point 70 metre south of Wellington Street East and Front Street West; and
- No Parking on the west side between Front Street West and Wellington Street West.

Proposed Conditions

Proposed streetscape improvements include:

- Midblock curb extension on west side in front of Draper Park with a raised crosswalk for a safer pedestrian connection to the park;
- Curb extensions with reduced corner radii at the northwest corner of Draper Street and Front Street West and a raised pedestrian crosswalk;
- Curb extensions with reduced corner radii at the southwest corner of Draper Street and Wellington Street West and a raised pedestrian crosswalk;
- Sidewalk widening at hydro pole pinch points;
- Tree planting and additional landscaping has been integrated with the curb extensions;
- On-street parking switched to the west side; and

- No Parking switched to the east side.

The proposed parking amendments are shown in Attachment 1, and a detailed table of bylaw amendments in Attachment 2.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map of Draper Street between Front Street West and Wellington Street West with proposed streetscape improvements and parking bylaw amendments

Attachment 2: Traffic and Parking By-law amendments – Draper Street

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