

Temporary Adjustments to Parking Regulations and the Extension of Permit Parking Hours - 2025 Distillery Winter Village (Delegated)

Date: October 3, 2025
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York
Ward 13, Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report concerns a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Each year, the organizers of the Distillery District Winter Village submit their operational plans to the City for review. Transportation Services reviews these plans in detail and recommends changes informed by lessons learned from previous years. The Distillery Winter Village is a highly successful event that draws significant crowds, contributing positively to the city's cultural vibrancy and supporting local businesses and community engagement.

Transportation Services also acknowledges the transportation-related challenges that arise during the event, including increased traffic congestion on surrounding neighbourhood streets, pressure on curbside space, and impacts to both event attendees and local residents. Transportation Services remains committed to supporting the event through continuous improvement in traffic management planning, working collaboratively with event organizers and other City divisions to mitigate impacts and enhance mobility for all road users.

The purpose of this report is to seek Toronto and East York Community Council's authority to enact temporary traffic and parking amendments required to enhance traffic operations and pedestrian safety during the annual Distillery Winter Village event, which takes place from November 13, 2025 to January 4, 2026, inclusive.

A companion report "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2025 Distillery Winter Village (Non-delegated)" outlines the required non-delegated temporary traffic and parking amendments for streets with Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village, identified in Attachment 2 attached to the report dated October 3, 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, subject to City Council adoption of the companion report entitled "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2025 Distillery Winter Village (Non-delegated)". The temporary parking regulations will override all existing regulations for the duration of this event (November 13, 2025 to January 4, 2026).
2. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services to communicate this temporary extension of 24-hour permit parking on the streets outlined in Recommendation 1 above to residents through a targeted information campaign throughout the duration of the Distillery Winter Village.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The permit cost for the Distillery Winter Village event is estimated at \$1,385.45.

The event organizers will be responsible for the full costs associated with the Distillery Winter Village event, with the exception of approximately \$2,000.00 in signage costs associated with temporary permit parking changes (within this report only, to address local resident parking concerns), which would be covered by available funding within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

Any costs associated with the removal of the Pay and Display parking will be at the cost of the event organizers.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting of May 21 and 22, 2025, by adoption of TE22.19 directed Transportation Services and Municipal Licensing and Standards to develop a set of criteria for managing festivals and events on private property and report back in the fourth quarter of 2025.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.TE22.19>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of October 24, 2024, by adoption of TE17.31 authorized the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.TE17.31>

City Council at its meeting of November 13 and 14, 2024, by adoption of TE17.32 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.TE17.32>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of October 18, 2023, by adoption of TE8.31 authorized the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.TE8.31>

City Council at its meeting of November 9, 2023, by adoption of TE8.32 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.TE8.32>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of June 29, 2022, by adoption of TE34.119 authorized the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.TE34.119>

City Council at its meeting of July 19, 2022, by adoption of TE34.120 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.TE34.120>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of November 24, 2021, by adoption of TE29.81 authorized the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.TE29.81>

City Council at its meeting of December 15, 2021, by adoption of TE29.82 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.TE29.82>

COMMENTS

The Distillery Winter Village is an annual winter festival that takes place on private property in the Distillery District. For the 2025/2026 season, the event will take place from November 13, 2025 to January 4, 2026, inclusive.

After collaborative debriefing meetings from the 2024 event and pre-emptive meetings and site visits for the 2025 event with Transportation Services, the event proponent and their consultant, the event organizer submitted a traffic management plan to minimize impacts on local residents and address safety concerns, due to the high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic generated by the event. In order to implement the traffic

management plan, Transportation Services is recommending the following temporary by-law changes (as shown in Attachments 1 and 2):

- Implementing a Stand for Taxicabs on the west side of Trinity Street, from a point 28 metres north of Mill Street to a point 50.5 metres south of Front Street
- Implementing No Stopping on the east side of Trinity Street, from Mill Street to a point 28 metres further north
- Implementing No Stopping on the west side of Trinity Street, from Mill Street to a point 28 metres further north
- Temporarily amending permit parking hours on various residential streets in the vicinity of the Distillery District, to 24 hours to ensure that parking spaces on these streets are available for local residents for the duration of the event

Similar to previous years, these changes will help to maintain efficient traffic conditions in the general area while reducing the impact of the event on local residents. The No Stopping section on the west side of Trinity Street will extend further north (to a point 28 metres north of Mill Street instead of only 15 metres) than was used for the 2024 event, to allow for extra pedestrian protection measures to be implemented on Trinity Street.

The City Permit Parking Office will use their discretion to issue transferrable parking permits to local residents, for use within the local community for the duration of the Distillery Winter Village event.

Transportation Services will coordinate road works in the surrounding area and conduct ongoing monitoring of the area using its available traffic cameras to identify the need for, and to implement, traffic signal timing changes.

Upon completion of the event, Transportation Services staff, in consultation with the local Councillors, the event organizers and other stakeholders will evaluate the traffic management plan to identify any amendments to improve the traffic management plan for the following year.

Transportation Services staff are satisfied that the permit fee adequately covers costs that the City incurs for making the proposed amendments.

A companion report is also submitted relating the temporary traffic and parking adjustments for the 2025 Distillery Winter Village for streets served by transit routes.

The local Ward Councillors have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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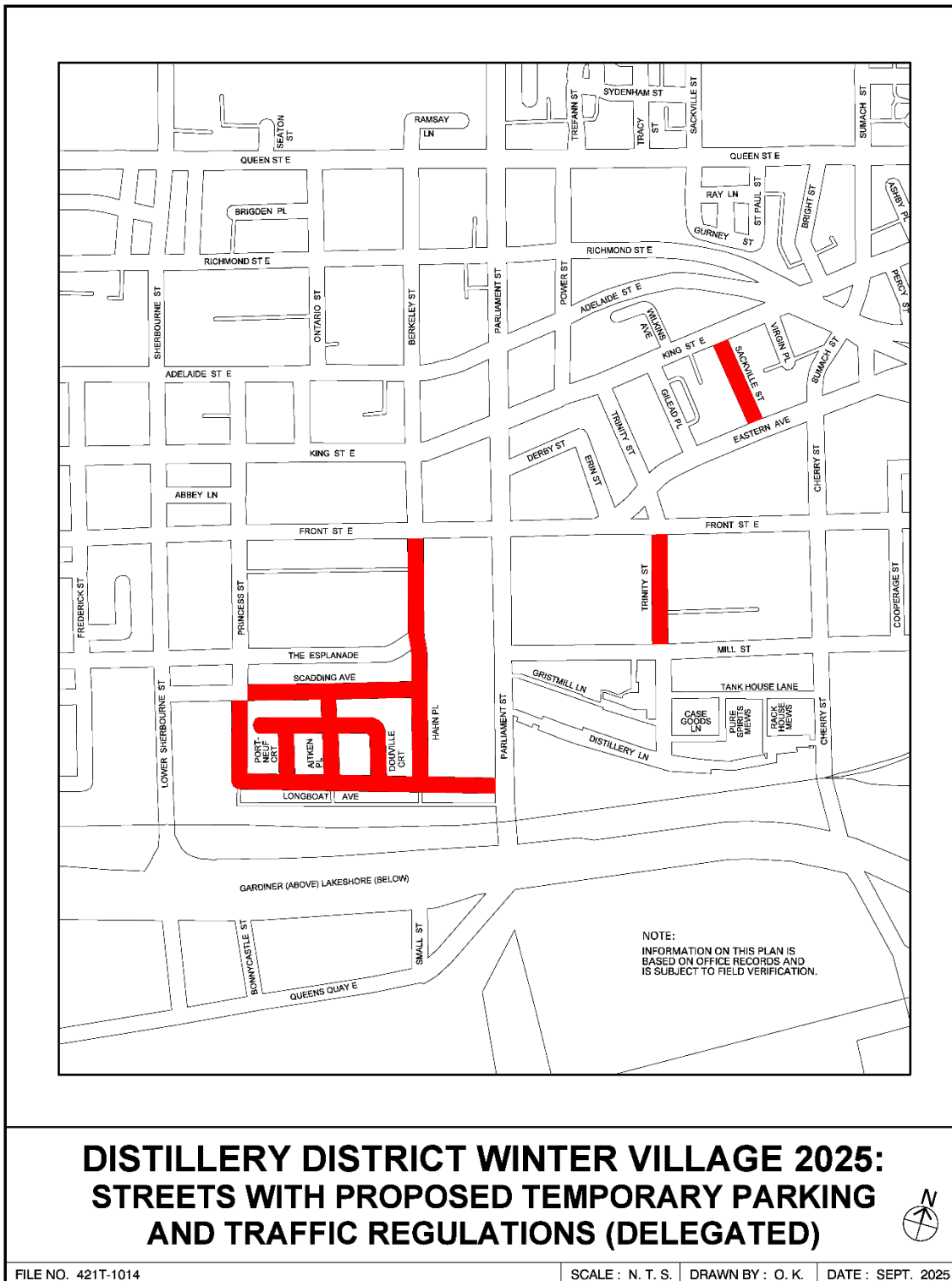
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Map - Distillery District Winter Village 2025: Streets with Proposed Temporary Parking and Traffic Regulations
2. Temporary Parking Regulations to be enacted in connection with the 2025 Distillery Winter Village.

Attachment 1: Map - Distillery District Winter Village 2025: Streets with Proposed Temporary Parking and Traffic Regulations



Attachment 2: Temporary Parking Regulations to be enacted in connection with the 2025 Winter Village.

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, Schedule V: Stands for Taxicabs

Highway	Side	Location	Number of Taxicabs	Times and/or Days
Trinity Street	West	Between a point 28 metres north of Mill Street and a point 50.5 metres south of Front Street East	9	Anytime from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, Schedule XIV: No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Trinity Street	East	Front Street East and Mill Street	Anytime from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Trinity Street	West	Mill Street and a point 28 metres further north	Anytime from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026

Chapter 925, Permit Parking, Schedule A

Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Berkeley Street	Even	From The Esplanade to Front Street East	All times, except no parking 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri., from Front Street East to a point 44.2 metres further south	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026

Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Hahn Place	Even	From The Esplanade to Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Scadding Street	Odd	From Hahn Place to Princess Street	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Princess Street	Even	From Scadding Avenue to Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Princess Street	Odd	From Scadding Avenue to Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Longboat Avenue	Odd	From Princess Street to the east end of Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026

Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Portneuf Court	Even	From Longboat Avenue to the north end of Portneuf Court	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Aitken Place	Odd	From Longboat Avenue to Scadding Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Douville Court	Even	From Longboat Avenue to the north end of Douville Court	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026
Sackville Street	Odd	From King Street East to Eastern Avenue	All times	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 13, 2025 to and including Sun. Jan. 4, 2026