

Parking Amendments - Blantyre Avenue

Date: December 18, 2025

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest

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 parking prohibition on the east side of Blantyre Avenue, north of Queen Street East, be increased to a standing prohibition. The proposed amendment will further deter parking on this section of Blantyre Avenue which will improve unobstructed two-way traffic flow, providing a safer environment for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on both sides of Blantyre Avenue, between Queen Street and a point 46 metres north of Queen Street to be in effect on the west side of Blantyre Avenue between Queen Street East and a point 46 metres north.
2. Scarborough Community Council prohibit standing at all times on east side of Blantyre Avenue, between Queen Street East and a point 46 metres north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage cost associated with the proposed amendments is approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2026 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff, at the request of the Ward Councillor, investigated the feasibility of implementing a stricter parking regulation on the east side of Blantyre Avenue, north of Queen Street East. The proposed parking amendment will help improve the flow of two-way traffic on this section of Blantyre Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Blantyre 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 2,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission service provided
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use is comprised of single-family residential dwellings. The subject section of Blantyre Avenue is not within a designated Community Safety Zone.

The parking regulations on Blantyre Avenue are as follows:

East side

- No parking anytime, between Queen Street East and a point 46 metres north
- No parking anytime, between a point 46 metres north of Queen Street East and Kingston Road, from the 16th to the end of each month, April 1 to November 30
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

West side

- No parking anytime, between Queen Street East and a point 46 metres north
- No parking anytime, between a point 46 metres north of Queen Street East and Kingston Road, from the first to the 15th of each month, April 1 to November 30 and from December 1 to March 31
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

Proposed Changes

The existing parking prohibition on both sides of Blantyre Avenue legally allows vehicles with accessible parking permits to park. As a result, the Ward Councillor has received numerous complaints from area residents of vehicles parked on this road displaying accessible parking permits, obstructing traffic flow, sightlines and impacting safety for all road users.

During site observations conducted on September 23, 2025, staff did not observe any vehicles parked on the east side of Blantyre Avenue at the time of review. However, through concerns communicated by local residents via the Councillor's office, staff were advised that vehicles frequently park in this area and obstruct the flow of northbound traffic. The recommended standing prohibition therefore reflects both the on-site assessment and the recurring issues reported by the community.

As accessible parking permit holders are not exempt from standing prohibitions, implementing a standing prohibition at this location would prevent these occurrences and improve safety along this section of the roadway. Under the proposed prohibition, motorists can pick-up/drop-off passengers only. In addition, under the current parking prohibition (no parking, anytime) one can legally load/unload goods. This curbside activity will be eliminated with this parking proposal.

This assessment supports the proposed by-law amendments outlined in this report, developed in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

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 - Blantyre Avenue

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