

Expansion of the Free-Floating Car-Share Program into Ward 20

Date: June 17, 2026

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Acting Director, Street Permits, 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.

The report recommends expanding the Free-Floating Car-Share Program operating area into a portion of Ward 20, consistent with the expansion framework approved by City Council in October 2025. The expansion was requested by the City's sole active free-floating car-share operator in response to observed demand and has been developed in consultation with City staff and the local Ward Councillor.

If approved, free-floating car-share vehicles operating under a valid permit would be exempt from the City-wide three-hour unsigned parking limit and parking regulations imposing maximum parking periods of one hour or more within the approved expansion area. All other parking regulations would continue to apply, and existing program requirements to prevent vehicle clustering and prolonged parking would remain in effect.

The proposed expansion would increase access to one-way car-share services for residents in Ward 20 neighbourhoods located outside permit parking areas, supporting the City's objectives to enhance mobility options and provide greater transportation choice.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Street Permits, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council amend Schedule XLVIII, Parts 1 and 2, of Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, generally as described

in Attachment 1 of this report (June 17, 2026) from the Acting Director, Street Permits, to expand the Free-Floating Car-Share Program operating area into the portion of Ward 20 identified in Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact from the adoption of the recommendation outlined in this staff report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of October 8 and 9, 2025, while considering IE24.2 on "Revised Free-Floating Car-Share Program" approved amendments to Chapter 925 Permit Parking and Chapter 950 Traffic and Parking of the Toronto Municipal Code to allow for an expanded free-floating car-share program outside of permit parking areas / streets. These changes included exemptions from (a) the City-wide 3-hour unsigned parking rule, (b) restricted parking prohibitions on highways with maximum permitted limits of one (1) hour or more, and (c) parking prohibitions within the former municipality of North York from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next year. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.IE24.2>

COMMENTS

Background

City Council first approved the Free-Floating Car-Share Program as a pilot in 2018 and subsequently made the program permanent in July 2020. The program enables car-share users to make one-way trips by allowing vehicles to be picked up and dropped off anywhere within the approved operating area. This area currently includes most streets where permit parking is available, except those that have already reached capacity.

To prevent vehicles from clustering in specific locations, car-share operators are required to relocate vehicles whenever three or more are parked on the same block. Operators are also required to move any vehicle that remains parked in the same location for more than 72 hours.

Framework for Expanding the Free-Floating Car-Share Operating Area

Since launching its service in 2018, Communauto has steadily expanded its operating area and now serves nearly all eligible permit parking streets within the city. In October 2025, Council approved revisions to the Free-Floating Car-Share Program that established a framework for expanding service beyond areas with permit parking.

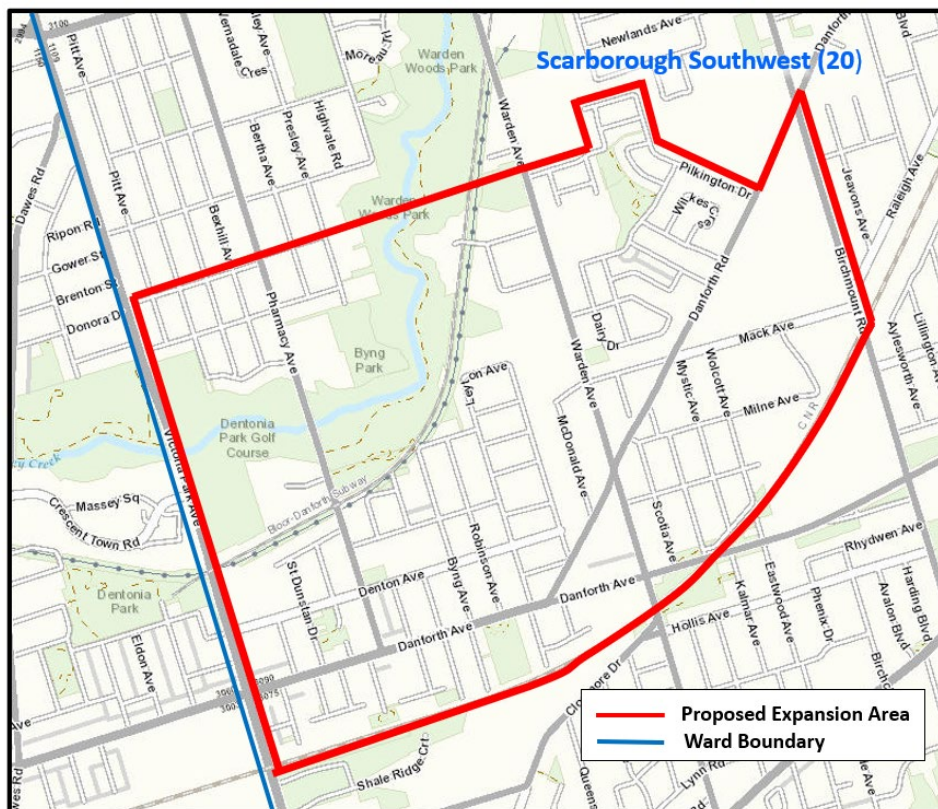
Under this framework, approved car-share operators may receive exemptions from: (a) the city-wide 3-hour unsigned parking limit; (b) the restricted parking prohibitions on highways with maximum permitted limits of one (1) hour or more; and (c) the winter overnight parking prohibition in the former City of North York between 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year on highways identified in Schedule IV of Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, of the City Toronto Municipal Code.

Proposed Expansion into Ward 20

Figure 1 illustrates the proposed expansion of the free-floating car-share program into a portion of Ward 20 under the new operating framework. In accordance with the process approved by Council in October 2025, the expansion area was initially identified by the car-share operator and subsequently refined through consultation with City staff and the local Ward 20 Councillor. The Councillor has reviewed and expressed support for the proposed expansion.

The proposed expansion area is bounded by Victoria Park Avenue to the west, Conroy Avenue, Penaire Street, Warden Woods Park, Bell Estate Road, and Pilkington Drive to the north, Birchmount Road to the east and the C.N. Railway to the south.

Figure 1: Map of the proposed expansion of the free-floating car-share program



Within the proposed expansion area, car-share vehicles would be permitted to park only in locations where parking is otherwise permitted at all times. Vehicles participating in

the program would be exempt from the City's three-hour unsigned parking limit and from parking regulations that impose maximum parking periods of one (1) hour or more.

Car-share vehicles that contravene any other parking regulation would remain subject to enforcement, including ticketing and towing, and the car-share operator would be responsible for all associated penalties and fees. Existing program requirements designed to prevent vehicle clustering and prolonged parking in a specific location, including the requirement to relocate vehicles parked in the same location for more than 72 hours, would continue to apply within the expansion area.

Should unforeseen issues arise following implementation, Scarborough Community Council would retain the authority to amend or repeal the expansion area at any time.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Municipal Code Amendments

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AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 950, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Addition to Schedule XLVIII (Part 1): Free-floating Car-Share Service Areas

(Column 1) Free-floating Car-share Service Area	(Column 2) East Limit/West Limit of Free-floating Car-share Service Area	(Column 3) North Limit/South Limit of Free-floating Car-share Service Area	(Column 4) Free-floating Service Car-share Area Map
(Area 1) in Ward 20	East limit: Birchmount Road between C.N. Railway and Danforth Road West limit: Victoria Park Avenue between C.N. Railway and Conroy Avenue	North limit: Conroy Avenue between Victoria Park Avenue and Pharmacy Avenue; Penaire Street between Pharmacy Avenue and Presley Avenue; Warden Woods Park between the Penaire Street / Presley Avenue intersection and the Warden Avenue / Bell Estate Road intersection; Bell Estate Road between Warden Avenue and Pilkington Drive; Pilkington Drive between the west end of Pilkington Drive and Danforth Road; Danforth Road between Pilkington Drive and Birchmount Road South Limit: C.N. Railway between Victoria Park Avenue and Birchmount Road	(Area 1) in Ward 20

Addition to Schedule XLVIII (Part 2): Free-floating Car-share Service Areas - Maps

