

Parking Amendment - Sumach Street

Date: December 18, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

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 west side of Sumach Street, between Oak Street and Dundas Street East, be increased to a standing prohibition. The proposed amendment will further deter parking on this section of Sumach Street 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. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Sumach Street, between Oak Street and Dundas Street East.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Sumach Street, between Oak Street and Dundas Street East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,700.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2026 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, requested that the parking prohibition on the west side of Sumach Street, between Oak Street and Dundas Street East, be increased to a standing prohibition to further deter parking on this section of roadway. This parking amendment will help maintain unobstructed traffic flow and will also create clear sightlines, improving safety for pedestrians.

Existing Conditions

Sumach Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south roadway
- Its road classification is pending
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,600 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

On Sumach Street, between Oak Street and Dundas Street East, parking is prohibited at all times on the west side. On the east side, permit parking operates from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily. Outside these times, maximum three-hour statutory parking is permitted at all other times.

Transportation Services staff conducted field observations on November 25, 2025, during the afternoon period. Staff observed one vehicle parked in the no parking, anytime area displaying an accessible parking permit. It was noted that sightlines and unobstructed traffic flow could be affected, potentially impacting traffic operations and safety for all road users.

Proposed Changes

Under the existing no parking, anytime regulation on this section of Sumach Street, vehicles displaying an accessible parking permit are exempt from this prohibition. 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.

Transportation Services recommends that the existing parking prohibition on the west side of this section of Sumach Street be increased to no standing, anytime. Under this regulation motorists, including those displaying an accessible parking permit, are not allowed to park but can pick-up/drop-off passengers only. In addition, under the current parking prohibition, motorists can legally load/unload goods. This curbside activity will be eliminated with this parking proposal.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendment 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 Amendment - Sumach Street

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