

Parking Amendments - Archer Street

Date: March 16, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

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 prohibiting standing on both sides of the north/south leg of Archer Street, between Cobourg Avenue and the east/west leg of Archer Street. The proposed changes will deter parking at this location and improve safety and traffic operations by maintaining unobstructed sightlines and a clear passage for vehicles on the two-way street.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered inconsistencies in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking regulations on Archer Street and Cobourg Avenue. Recommendations 2 to 5 will rectify these inconsistencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on both sides of the north/south leg of Archer Street, between Cobourg Avenue and the east/west leg of Archer Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the even (west) side of Archer Street, from Cobourg Avenue to Archer Street.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the even (north) side of Archer Street from the north/south leg of Archer Street to the east end of Archer Street.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking first day to the 15th day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, and no parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive; and no parking anytime from a point 84 metres east of Brock Avenue to a point 5.5 metres further east, on the odd (south) side of Cobourg Avenue from east end of Cobourg Avenue to Brock Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, and no parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the odd (south) side of Cobourg Avenue from the east end of Cobourg Avenue to Brock Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$1,500.00. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents, has raised concerns with safety and traffic operations on the north/south leg of Archer Street. Parked vehicles on the subject segment are creating sightline obstructions for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists and causing operational concerns for the two-way street.

Existing Conditions

Archer Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south and east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on pavement widths of 6.7 and 5.5 metres on the north-south leg and the east-west leg, respectively
- The speed limit is 30 km/h

- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on one side (east side) of the north-south leg of Archer Street and both sides of the east-west leg of Archer Street

The by-lawed parking regulations on Archer Street are as follows:

North/south leg, west side

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

North/south leg, east side

- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all times

East/west leg, north side

- No parking each Thursday from April 1 to November 30, between the north/south leg of Archer Street and the east end of Archer Street
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

East/west leg, south side

- No parking anytime except each Thursday from April 1 to November 30, between the north/south leg of Archer Street and the east end of Archer Street
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

Permit Parking were consulted regarding the existing permit parking regulations on Archer Street. It was confirmed that permit parking is by-lawed on the west (even) and north (even) sides of Archer Street, but staff cannot verify when, or if, permit parking signage was installed and subsequently removed. Currently, permit parking signage is not installed on Archer Street, and one permit is issued for Archer Street.

Proposed Changes

Vehicles parking on both sides of the north/south leg of Archer Street pose sightline and operational concerns. Parked vehicles limit the visibility of pedestrians, cyclists, and oncoming motorists and force northbound and southbound traffic to enter the opposing lane when passing. Furthermore, parked vehicles reduce and compromise the width of the roadway, which increases the risk of collisions and prevents snowplows from safely maneuvering the roadway and sidewalks.

Staff undertook a site investigation on October 9, 2025, at approximately 11:30 a.m. and observed parked vehicles on the east side, as well as in front of garages on the west side of the north/south leg of Archer Street. The review disclosed there are no existing parking regulations signed on the east and west sides of the north/south leg of Archer Street, between Cobourg Avenue and the east/west leg of Archer Street. This legally allows motorists to park for a maximum of three hours and also allows motorists to load or unload passengers or merchandise.

Under the proposed standing prohibition, motorists are permitted to receive and discharge passengers only. Prohibiting standing on both sides of the north/south leg of Archer Street will deter parking at this location and improve safety and traffic operations by maintaining unobstructed sightlines and a clear passage for vehicles on the two-way street.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected inconsistencies in the parking by-laws related to the current signed parking regulations on Archer Street and Cobourg Avenue. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 2 to 5 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Archer Street

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