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Protecting lane access on MacPherson Avenue

Summary

Residents of MacPherson Avenue depend on a narrow public laneway to access their rear garages and driveways. Unfortunately, access to this laneway has frequently been blocked by parked cars. Parking that blocks access to a laneway is already prohibited by the city bylaw, but in the absence of appropriate signage, the presence of the lane has often been overlooked. In theory, but not in practice, this could have been resolved without signage by additional parking enforcement.

Residents have therefore requested signage to ensure access to the laneway for motor vehicles. Transportation Services staff have reviewed the situation and have also identified an inconsistency in the existing bylaw.

Recommendations

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from November 1 of one year to May 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the north side of Macpherson Avenue, between Avenue Road and a point 38 metres west of Yonge Street, to be in effect between Avenue Road and a point 58.5 metres east, and between a point 67 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 38 metres west of Yonge Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from June 1 to October 31, inclusive, on the north side of Macpherson Avenue, between Avenue Road and a point 38 metres west of Yonge Street, to be in effect between Avenue Road and a point 58.5 metres east, and between a point 67 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 38 metres west of Yonge Street.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily from June 1 to October 31, inclusive on the even (north) side of Macpherson Avenue from Avenue Road to a point 38 metres west of Yonge Street, to be in effect between Avenue Road and a point 58.5 metres east, and between a point 67 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 38 metres west of Yonge Street.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Macpherson Avenue, between a point 58.5 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 8.5 metres further east.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from June 1 to October 31, inclusive, on the north side of Macpherson Avenue,

between a point 42.7 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 34 metres west of Yonge Street.

6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking in effect from June 1 to October 31, inclusive, on the south side of Macpherson Avenue between a point 42.7 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 34 metres west of Yonge Street.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times on the north side of Macpherson Avenue, between a point 94 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 5.5 metres further east.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times on the south side of Macpherson Avenue, between a point 89 metres east of Avenue Road and a point 5.5 metres further east.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Saxe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "D" being particularly large and stylized.

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Attachment 1 - Technical memorandum-Macpherson Avenue-Parking Amendments