

Date: May 20, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Church Street Pedestrianization – Temporary Parking Amendments - Ward 13, Toronto Centre

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 13 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the May 28, 2026 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

This memorandum is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Summary

- X **Staff support the draft recommendations provided below**
- Staff do not support the draft recommendations provided below**
- Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.**

Draft Recommendations

1. *Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to operate at all times on the north side of Maitland Street, between Church Street and a point 37 metres west, from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive.*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Maitland Street, between Yonge Street and Church Street from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive.*
3. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Maitland Street, between Yonge Street and a point 37 metres west of Church Street from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive.*
4. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the south side of*

Maitland Street, between a point 96.9 metres east of Yonge Street and Church Street.

5. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Maitland Street, between Church Street and Donna Shaw Lane, from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive.*
6. *Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday at a rate of \$5.75 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours, on the south side of Maitland Street, between a point 91.4 metres east of Yonge Street and Church Street, to be in effect between a point 91.4 metres east of Yonge Street and Donna Shaw Lane from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive*
7. *Toronto East York Community Council prohibit parking from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Church Street, between Wood Street and Alexander Street, from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive.*
8. *Toronto East York Community Council rescind the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of Church Street, between Wood Street and Alexander Street, from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, inclusive.*
9. *Toronto East York Community Council direct that Church Street, between Wood Street and Alexander Street, and Maitland Street, between Yonge Street and Church Street, be returned to its previous parking regulations when the street event is complete.*

As part of the proposed Church Street Pedestrianization pilot project, the local Councillor requested that Transportation Services consider temporary parking amendments during the event. The pilot, which would take place from June 19, 2026 to August 21, 2026, is intended to close and pedestrianize the sections of Church Street, between Wellesley Street East and Alexander Street. The requested parking amendments will occur on the following street sections:

- Church Street, between Wood Street and Alexander Street - rescinding the current standing prohibition in effect at all times on the east side and introducing a parking prohibition, operating from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Maitland Street, between Church Street and Donna Shaw Lane – establishing a commercial loading zone that will operate at all times on the north side

The parking amendments on Church Street will allow on-street parking to take place outside the weekday daytime periods for a maximum period of three hours. This change is feasible and will add approximately five to six on-street spaces in the section of Church Street immediately south of the pilot project limits.

On Maitland Street, the parking amendments will establish a commercial loading zone on the north side of the street, just west of Church Street, and will operate at all times. This request is also feasible and will help facilitate loading and unloading operations for businesses during the duration of this event. It will be located immediately west of the pilot project limits and will result in the elimination of two pay parking spaces on the south side of the street. It is noted that a commercial loading zone is a public facility,

which may be used by anyone for the purpose of and while engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise and no one has exclusive rights to the loading zone.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendation above will be approximately \$1,661.00. This sum is comprised of the parking signage changes, totalling approximately \$1,000.00, and the loss of pay parking revenue reported by the Toronto Parking Authority, totalling approximately \$666.00.

As this this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by Toronto and East York Community Council.

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