

Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2026 Distillery Winter Village (Delegated)

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York
Ward 13, Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report concerns a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to seek Toronto and East York Community Council's authority to enact temporary traffic and parking amendments to enhance traffic operations for patrons accessing the event, to help the local community with their parking needs, and to enhance pedestrian safety by minimizing traffic infiltration on local roads during the 2026 Distillery Winter Village event, which will take place from November 12, 2026 to January 3, 2027, inclusive.

Drawing on lessons learned from previous Distillery Winter Village events, as well as input from the event organizer and their consultant, the local councillor, local residents, and Transportation Services staff, the event organizer and their consultant submitted a traffic management plan to minimize impacts of increased event-related traffic on the surrounding community. Strategies in the traffic management plan are intended to manage traffic infiltration into local neighbourhood streets, reduce circulation by non-local vehicles, and prioritize access for residents. The proposed approach reflects established practices used in prior years and is designed to support safe and efficient movement while limiting disruption to the local area.

To implement these measures, Transportation Services is recommending a series of temporary by-law amendments, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2. A companion report, "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2026 Distillery Winter Village (Non-Delegated)", outlining the required temporary traffic and parking amendments for locations with TTC service was submitted to Community and City Council for consideration in parallel with this report.

Further details on broader traffic and congestion management strategies to be implemented by Transportation Services are also provided in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Congestion and Network Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village, identified in Attachment 1, attached to the report "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2026 Distillery Winter Village (Delegated)", dated June 19, 2026 from the Director, Congestion and Network Management, Transportation Services. The temporary traffic and parking regulations will override all existing regulations for the duration of this event (November 12, 2026 to January 3, 2027).
2. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services to communicate these temporary parking and traffic regulations outlined in Recommendation 1 above to residents through a targeted information campaign throughout the duration of the Distillery Winter Village.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The permit cost for the Distillery Winter Village event is estimated at \$1,450.00.

The Distillery Winter Village event organizers will be responsible for implementing all necessary supporting signage changes and will be responsible for the full costs associated with the event, with the exception of approximately \$8,000.00 in signage costs associated with temporary permit parking changes discussed within this report. The permit parking changes were implemented by Transportation Services in consultation with the local Councillor to address local resident parking concerns, with costs covered by available funding within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

The event organizers will be responsible for the costs associated with the removal of the Pay and Display parking, totalling \$10,921.75.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of October 22, 2025, by adoption of TE26.34 authorized the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.TE26.34>

City Council at its meeting of November 12 and 13, 2025, by adoption of TE26.35 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.TE26.35>

City Council at its meeting of May 21 and 22, 2025, by adoption of TE22.19 directed Transportation Services and Municipal Licensing and Standards to develop a set of criteria for managing festivals and events on private property and report back in the fourth quarter of 2025.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.TE22.19>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of October 24, 2024, by adoption of TE17.31 authorized the temporary parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.TE17.31>

City Council at its meeting of November 13 and 14, 2024, by adoption of TE17.32 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District that are impacted during the Distillery Winter Village.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.TE17.32>

COMMENTS

This year the Distillery Winter Village will take place in the Distillery District from November 12, 2026 to January 3, 2027, inclusive. Transportation Services is seeking Toronto and East York Community Council authority to implement a series of temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Distillery District to manage event-related impacts in support of the traffic mitigation plan.

The development of the traffic mitigation plan involved a review of previous Distillery Winter Village traffic management plans, as well as consultation with Councillors, local residents, the event organizer and their consultant, and Transportation Services staff. This process enabled the identification of key issues and involved the refinement of strategies to address event-related traffic impacts on the surrounding community.

The following sections of this report outline the proposed traffic mitigation measures, including the associated temporary by-law amendments as outlined in Attachment 1, along with the rationale for each recommended change as well as additional measures to provide greater traffic management support, both in the field and through the RESCU Congestion Management Centre.

Previously Implemented in 2025/2026 (to continue for 2026/2027)

- To accommodate space for pedestrian protection measures, implement No Stopping on the east side of Trinity Street, from Mill Street to a point 28 metres further north

- To discourage traffic from circulating local streets looking for parking spaces and to prioritize provision of parking to local residents, temporarily amend permit parking hours on various residential streets in the vicinity of the Distillery District to 24 hours
- To prioritize provision of parking to local residents, temporarily amend permit parking hours on Sackville Street from King Street East to Eastern Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

New or Modified changes for 2026/2027

- To prioritize provision of accessible parking to patrons of the Distillery Winter Village event and for local residents, temporarily implement on-street parking for persons with disabilities for permit holders on the west side of Trinity Street, from 28 metres north of Mill Street to a point 50 metres south of Front Street East.
- To accommodate the above noted accessible parking, implement a reduced Taxi stand on the west side of Trinity Street, from a point 9 metres south of Front Street East to a point 50 metres south of Front Street East.

A map of the affected streets is shown in Attachment 2.

The City Permit Parking Office will use their discretion to issue transferrable parking permits to local residents, for use within the community for the duration of the Distillery Winter Village event. This will mitigate the effects of high demand for event parking and facilitate the ability of local residents to still host visitors by temporarily handing-over parking permits to guests.

Other Proposed Congestion and Network Management Measures

Below are additional congestion and network management measures that will be utilized by Transportation Services for the 2026 Distillery Winter Village event:

- Coordinate road works in the surrounding area.
- Implement signal timing adjustments within the Liberty Village and surrounding neighbourhood, including those timing plans recently developed to support FIFA operations.
- Provide enhanced monitoring and operational support through additional Transportation Services staff in the RESCU Congestion Management Centre during key periods of higher attendance. Staff will actively monitor traffic conditions using available traffic camera infrastructure, including recently installed cameras, to respond promptly to incidents and implement minor traffic signal timing adjustments, as required, to improve traffic flow.
- Provide Traffic Agent support at key locations

Upon completion of the event, Transportation Services staff, in consultation with the local Councillors, the event organizers and other stakeholders will debrief and evaluate lessons learned to identify any amendments to improve the traffic management plan for the following year.

A companion report is also submitted relating the temporary traffic and parking adjustments for the 2026 Distillery Winter Village for streets served by transit routes, for which a summary of the changes and map are included in Attachment 3.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Temporary Parking and Traffic Regulations to be enacted in connection with the 2026 Distillery Winter Village

Attachment 2: Map - Distillery District Winter Village 2026: Streets with Proposed Temporary Parking and Traffic Regulations

Attachment 3: Summary of Companion Report Changes

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Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, Schedule V: Stands for Taxicabs

Highway	Side	Location	Number of Taxicabs	Times and/or Days
Trinity Street	West	Between a point 9 metres south of Front Street East and a point 50 metres South of Front Street East	6	Anytime from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, Schedule XIV: No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Trinity Street	East	Front Street East and Mill Street	Anytime from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Trinity Street	West	Mill Street and a point 28 metres north	Anytime from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027

Chapter 925, Permit Parking, Schedule A

Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Sackville Street	Odd	From King Street East to Eastern Avenue	All times	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027

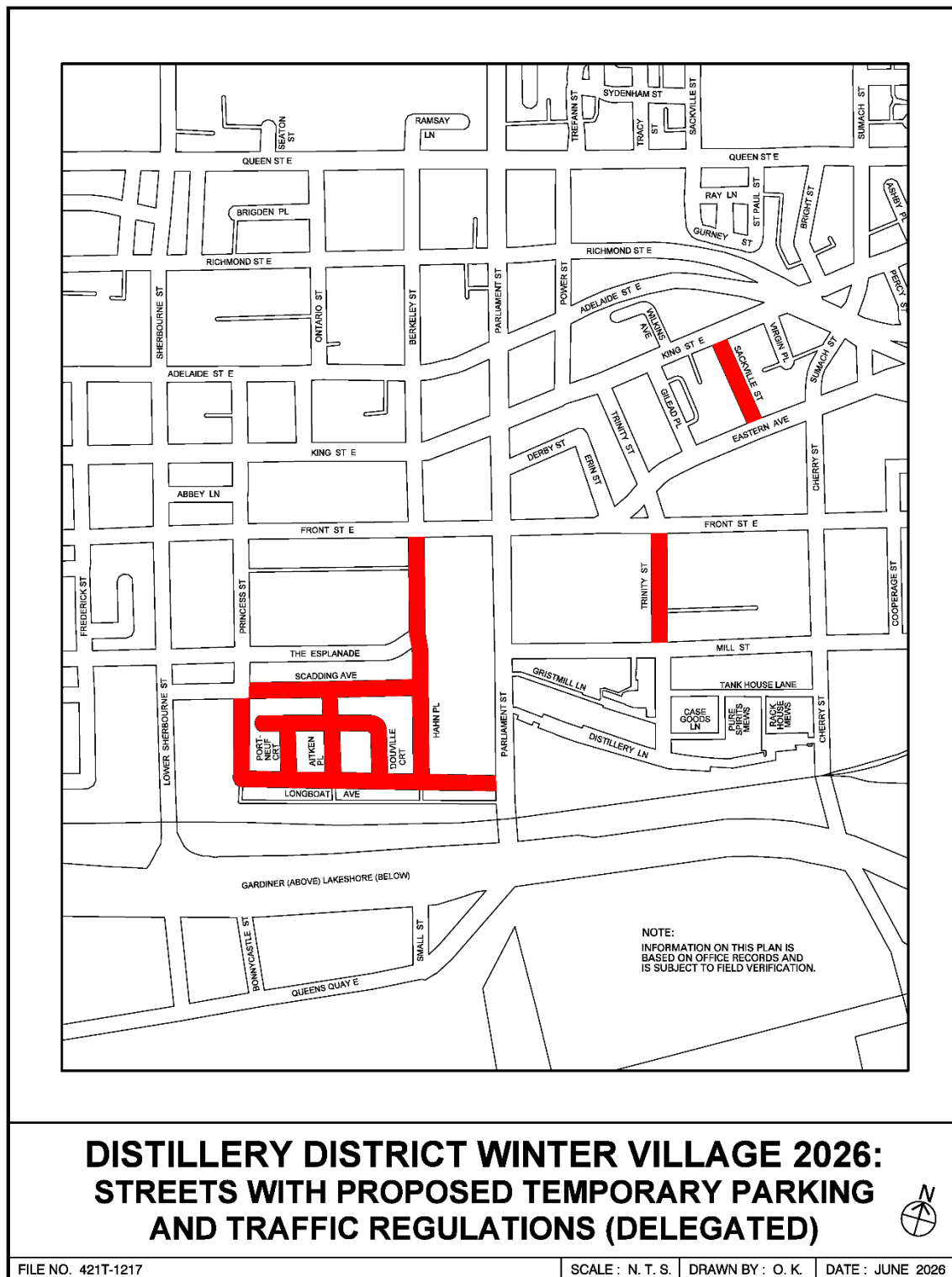
Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Berkeley Street	Even	From The Esplanade to Front Street East	All times, except no parking 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri., from Front Street East to a point 44.2 metres further south	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Hahn Place	Even	From The Esplanade to Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Scadding Street	Odd	From Hahn Place to Princess Street	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Princess Street	Even	From Scadding Avenue to Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Princess Street	Odd	From Scadding Avenue to Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027

Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Longboat Avenue	Odd	From Princess Street to the east end of Longboat Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Portneuf Court	Even	From Longboat Avenue to the north end of Portneuf Court	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027
Aitken Place	Odd	From Longboat Avenue to Scadding Avenue	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2026
Douville Court	Even	From Longboat Avenue to the north end of Douville Court	All times	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2026

Chapter 903, Parking for Persons with Disabilities, Schedule II

Highway	Side	Between	Time or Days
Trinity Street	West	A point 28 metres north of Mill Street and a point 50 metres south of Front Street East	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., 7 days a week, from and including Thu. Nov. 12, 2026 to and including Sun. Jan. 3, 2027

Attachment 2: Map - Distillery District Winter Village 2026: Streets with Proposed Temporary Parking and Traffic Regulations



Attachment 3: Summary of Companion Report Changes

Below is a summary of the by-law changes in the companion report titled "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2026 Distillery Winter Village (Non-Delegated)".

- Implementing No Stopping on both sides of Parliament Street, from King Street East to Lake Shore Boulevard East
- Implementing No Stopping on the south side of Mill Street, from Parliament Street to Trinity Street, except for an 11-metre section where 15-minute Parking is allowed adjacent to an access point at 33 Mill Street
- Designating Front Street East as one-way eastbound, and prohibiting associated affected northbound right-turn, southbound left-turn and westbound through movements at Cherry Street and Front Street East
- Implementing a Passenger Loading Zone on the south side of Front Street East, between Trinity Street and 83 metres east of Trinity Street
- Implementing a Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Front Street East, between 83 metres east of Trinity Street and 57 metres west of Cherry Street.
- Implementing No Standing on the south side of Front Street East, from Trinity Street to a point 57 metres west of Cherry Street.

Attachment 3: Summary of Companion Report Changes (Continued)

