

Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2026 Canadian National Exhibition (Non-Delegated)

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 4, Parkdale-High Park; Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on Dufferin Street and Springhurst Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council's authority to enact temporary traffic and parking amendments required to help the local community with their parking needs, and enhance traffic operations and pedestrian safety by minimizing traffic infiltration on local roads during the 2026 Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), which will take place from August 21 to September 7, 2026, inclusive.

Drawing on lessons learned from previous CNE events, as well as input from The Exhibition Place, the local councillors, local residents, the event organizer, and Transportation Services staff, a set of traffic mitigation strategies was developed to minimize the impacts of increased event-related traffic on the surrounding community. These strategies 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 Canadian National Exhibition (Delegated)", outlining the required temporary traffic and parking amendments for locations without TTC service was submitted to Toronto East York Community Council for consideration in parallel with this report.

Further details on broader traffic and congestion management strategies which would include traffic management support by traffic agents and traffic signal timing adjustments to be implemented during the event are also provided in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council authorize the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Exhibition Place that are impacted during the CNE, identified in Attachment 1, attached to the report "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for 2026 Canadian National Exhibition (Non-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 (August 21, 2026 to September 7, 2026).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for the bylaw signage changes in this report and the companion report "Temporary Adjustments to Traffic and Parking Regulations for the 2026 Canadian National Exhibition (Delegated)" is approximately \$30,000.00, which would be covered by Transportation Services Division's Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on July 23 and 24, 2025, by adoption of Item EX25.4 designated the easterly northbound and westerly southbound lanes on Dufferin Street between Bloor Street West and King Street West, and the easterly southbound lane on Dufferin Street between Thorburn Avenue and Springhurst Avenue as reserved lanes for public transit vehicles at all times.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.EX25.4>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of July 8, 2025, by adoption of TE24.75 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Exhibition Place that are impacted during the CNE.

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City Council at its meeting of July 23 and 24, 2025, by adoption of TE24.76 authorized the temporary traffic and parking regulations on streets in the vicinity of Exhibition Place that are impacted during the CNE.

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COMMENTS

This year the CNE will take place on The Exhibition Place grounds from August 21 to September 7, 2026, inclusive. Transportation Services is seeking Community and City Council authority to implement a series of temporary traffic and parking regulations on

streets in the vicinity of Exhibition Place to manage event-related impacts in support of the traffic mitigation plan.

The development of the traffic mitigation plan involved a review of previous CNE traffic management plans, as well as consultation with Councillors, local residents, the event organizer, and Transportation Services staff. This process enabled the identification of key issues and informed 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 (to continue for 2026) To Control Traffic Levels

- To discourage neighbourhood infiltration, implement a one-way westbound operation on Springhurst Avenue, between Dufferin Street and Jameson Avenue
- To discourage neighbourhood infiltration, prohibit westbound left-turns from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday at Springhurst Avenue and Jameson Avenue
- To discourage pickup and drop off activity within the residential community, implement No Standing at anytime on Springhurst Avenue, south side, between Dunn Avenue and Dufferin Street
- To strategically provide space for CNE patron pickups and drop offs, implement No Parking at anytime on Dufferin Street, east side, between a point 15 metres north of Springhurst Avenue and King Street West
- To discourage traffic from circulating local streets looking for parking spaces and to prioritize provision of accessible parking to local residents, implement 24-hour permit parking on Springhurst Avenue, even side (north), between Jameson Avenue and Dufferin Street

New or Modified Changes for 2026

- To strategically provide space for CNE patron pickups and drop offs, implement a Taxi stand on Dufferin Street, west side, between a point 38 metres north of Thorburn Avenue and a point 29 metres south of King Street West. In previous years, the southern limit of the Taxi stand was from Thorburn Avenue. This limit was changed to 38 metres north of Thorburn Avenue, to be provide space above/north of the taper for the new transit lane in the southbound median lane.

In previous years, a No Parking Anytime regulation was implemented on the east and west sides of Dufferin Street between King Street West and Queen Street West. This measure is no longer required due to the implementation of dedicated transit lanes in

both directions, which are subject to No Stopping regulations at all times as a result of the single through lane in each direction.

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

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 CNE 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 PDO and Traffic Agent support at key locations.

A companion report was submitted relating to temporary traffic and parking adjustments for the 2026 CNE for streets not served by transit routes and requiring Community Council approval, for which a summary of the changes and map are included in Attachment 3.

The local Ward Councillors have been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Temporary Traffic and Parking Regulations to be enacted in connection with the 2026 Canadian National Exhibition

Attachment 2: Map - Streets with Proposed Temporary Traffic and Parking Regulations Associated with the Canadian National Exhibition

Attachment 3: Summary of Companion Report Changes

Attachment 1: Temporary Traffic and Parking Regulations to be Enacted in Connection with the 2026 Canadian National Exhibition

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

Highway	Side	Location	Number of Taxicabs	Times and/or Days
Dufferin Street	West	Between a point 38 metres north of Thorburn Avenue and a point 29 metres south of King Street West	23	Anytime from Fri. Aug. 21, 2026, to Mon. Sept. 7, 2026, inclusive

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking - Schedule XIII: No Parking:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Dufferin Street	East	A point 15 metres north of Springhurst Avenue and King Street West	Anytime from Fri. Aug. 21, 2026, to Mon. Sept. 7, 2026, inclusive

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking - Schedule XVI: No Standing:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Springhurst Avenue	South	Dunn Avenue and Dufferin Street	Anytime from Fri. Aug. 21, 2026, to Mon. Sept. 7, 2026, inclusive

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking - Schedule XVIII: One-Way Highways:

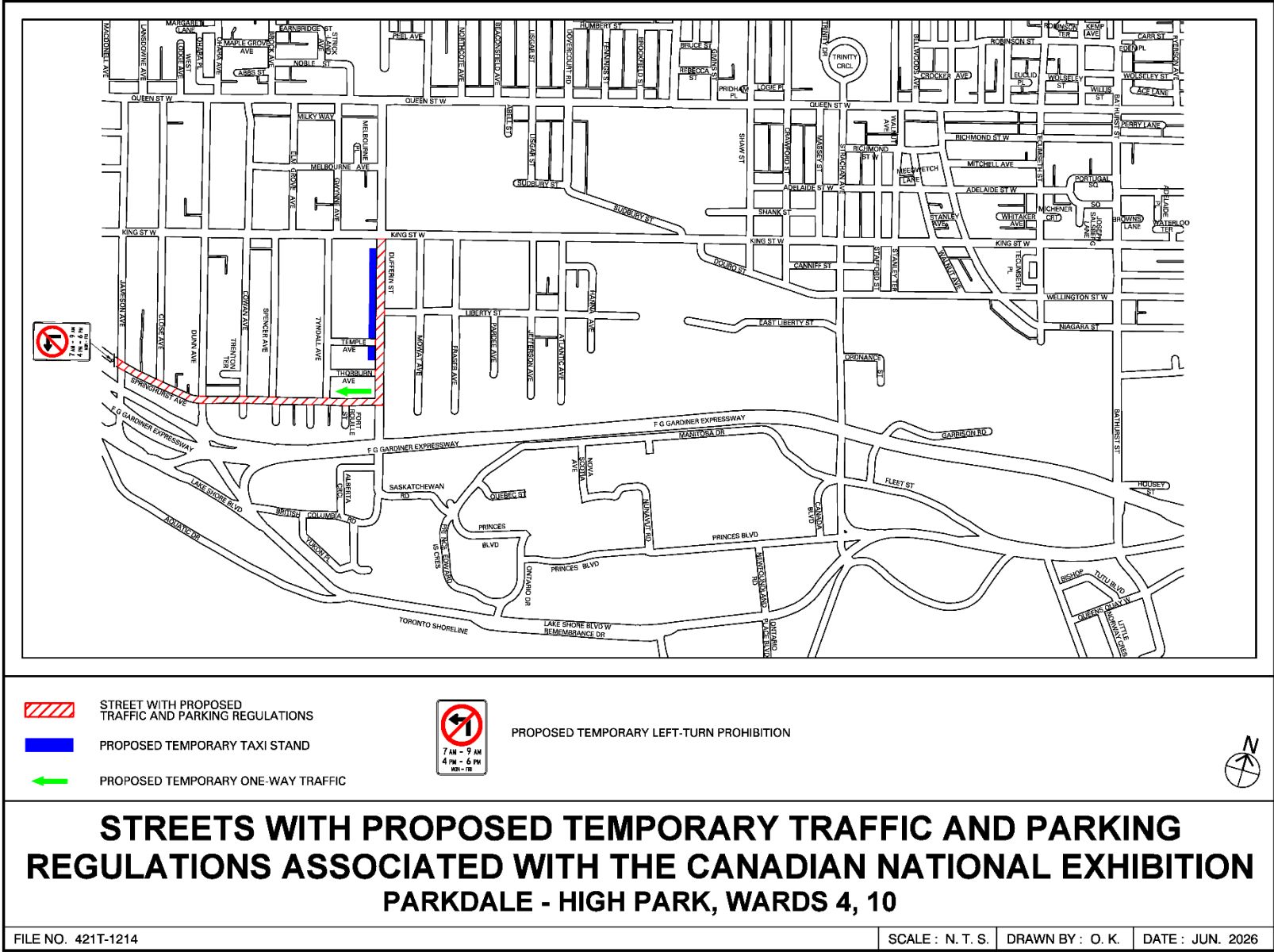
Highway	Between	Times and/or Days	Direction
Springhurst Avenue	Jameson Avenue and Dufferin Street	Anytime from Fri. Aug. 21, 2026, to Mon. Sept. 7, 2026, inclusive	Westbound

Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking – Schedule XXIII: Prohibited Turns:

Intersection or Portion of Highway	Direction	Turns Prohibited	Times and/or Days
Springhurst Avenue and Jameson Avenue	Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., from Fri. Aug. 21, 2026, to Mon. Sept. 7, 2026, inclusive

Chapter 925 - Schedule A: Permit Parking:

Street	Side	Location	Period	Time
Springhurst Avenue	Even	From Jameson Avenue to Dufferin Street	All times from Fri. Aug. 21, 2026, to Mon. Sept. 7, 2026, inclusive	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.



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 the 2026 Canadian National Exhibition (Delegated)".

- Implementing No Standing at anytime on Thorburn Avenue, north side, between Dufferin Street and Tyndall Avenue
- Implementing No Standing at anytime on Tyndall Avenue, west side, between King Street West and Springhurst Avenue
- Implementing 24-hour permit parking on the various sides and sections identified on Cowan Avenue, Dunn Avenue, Elm Grove Avenue, Fort Rouille Street, Gwynne Avenue, Melbourne Avenue, Spencer Avenue, Temple Avenue, Thorburn Avenue and Tyndall Avenue
- Implementing No Standing at anytime on Temple Avenue, north side, between a point 73 metres west of Dufferin Street and Tyndall Avenue.

Attachment 3: Summary of Companion Report Changes (Continued)

