

Date: July 6, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Gilbert Avenue - Parking Amendments (Ward 9, Davenport)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the July 8 and 9, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

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 rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Gilbert Avenue, between Summit Avenue and a point 94.5 metres north.*
- 2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect at all times, on the east side of Gilbert Avenue, between Summit Avenue and a point 94.5 metres north.*

The Councillor's office, with community support, has requested Transportation Services review the feasibility of limiting parking to the west side of Gilbert Avenue, between Summit Avenue and Bert Robinson Park. Gilbert Avenue terminates in a dead-end approximately 95 metres north of Summit Avenue and serves a number of pedestrian generators, including Bert Robinson Park and residential neighbourhoods. On the east side, parking is currently prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Outside these times, three-hour time limit parking (unsigned, statutory) is in effect. On the west side, permit parking operates from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., daily, and three-hour time limit parking (unsigned, statutory) at other times.

In the evenings and on weekends, parking is allowed on both sides of the street. This creates potential safety and operational concerns, as parked vehicles limit the visibility of pedestrians, cyclists, and oncoming motorists and impedes two-way traffic. Accordingly, parking can be prohibited at all times on the east side, improving manoeuvring for residents, snow removal and mechanical street cleaning, as well as commercial and emergency vehicles. A site visit was conducted in May 2026.

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 recommendations above will be approximately \$1,500.00. As 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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