

2005 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE: On-Street Permit and Residential Front Yard Parking Fees

Background:

The Works Committee, at its meeting of December 8, 2004 in considering an overview presentation of the Transportation Services 2005 Operating Budget Request, requested, among other things, that the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report on the history of permit parking / front yard parking fees prior to amalgamation to the present time. (Clause No. 12(a) of Report No. 11 of Works Committee).

On-Street Permit Parking Fees

On-street permit parking was originally introduced in 1961 to allocate scarce street space in areas where increasing automobile parking demand had overtaken the ability to accommodate on private properties. The former municipalities of Toronto, East York, York and Etobicoke had programmes in effect, with the respective annual fees at amalgamation as noted in Table 1.

Table 1 – On-Street Permit Parking Fees

PRE-AMALGAMATION			
<u>Toronto</u>	<u>East York</u>	<u>York</u>	<u>Etobicoke</u>
\$60 (\$5.00/mo) high priority	\$100 (\$8.33/mo) first car	\$60 (\$5.00/mo) (5,500 permits)	\$120 (\$10.00/mo) (450 permits)
\$300 (\$25.00/mo) low priority (54,000 permits)	\$200 (\$16.67/mo) second car (1,500 permits)		
1999 BUDGET – CITY WIDE	\$84 (7.00/mo)		

2001 BUDGET – CITY WIDE	\$102 (\$8.50/mo)	
2001 PERMIT PARKING	\$102 (8.50/mo)	High priority
HARMONIZATION BY-LAW	\$216 (18.00/mo)	Second vehicle
	\$300 (25.00/mo)	Low priority

Residential Boulevard Parking Fees

Front Yard Parking, front yard disabled parking and driveway widening are all forms of residential boulevard parking. At amalgamation, programmes operated in Toronto, East York and York with the respective annual fees as noted in Table 2. Etobicoke and North York had relatively minor numbers of such spaces that were considered as encroachments.

Table 2 – Residential Boulevard Parking Fees

PRE-AMALGAMATION				
	<u>Toronto</u>		<u>East York</u>	<u>York</u>
Annual Fee	\$3.07 / sq m (\$47.09 per space) (7,800 permits)		\$120 (500 permits)	\$48 (3,800 permits)
Application Fees	Front yard	\$255.04	N/A	\$50
	Disabled/	\$ 55.59		
	Driveway widening			
1999 BUDGET – CITY WIDE				
Annual Fee	\$84			
Application Fees	Front yard	\$260		
	Disabled/	\$ 60		
	Driveway widening			
2001 BUDGET – CITY WIDE (CURRENT)				
Annual Fee	\$102			
Application Fees	Front yard	\$260		
	Disabled/	\$ 60		
	Driveway widening			

1999 Operating Budget

City Council, in considering its 1999 Operating Budget, established harmonized fees for numerous road allowance activities, including on-street permit parking. At that time, the fees for permit parking (high priority) and residential boulevard parking were set at the same amount of **\$84.00 (\$7.00/mo)**. It is noted that all road allowance fees were approved for an automatic annual increase by the rate of inflation, except these parking fees.

2001 Operating Budget – Disposition of Incremental Revenue

City Council, in considering its 2001 Operating Budget, increased the on-street permit parking and residential boulevard parking fees to the current level of **\$102 (\$8.50/mo)**.

During the budget deliberations that year, these specific permit parking fee increase were considered in the context of improving related services. More particularly, the estimated \$1,314,000 in incremental revenue was (and continues to be) allocated as follows:

\$314,000	for enhanced litter cleaning to Solid Waste Management
\$560,000	for enhanced manual cleaning around parked car to Transportation Road Operations
\$440,000	to offset general Transportation road/sidewalk maintenance costs.

2001 Harmonized Permit Parking By-law

City Council, in considering this matter, endorsed on-street permit parking fees for second vehicles, and low priority (i.e. the resident has accessible on-site parking) at rates of \$216 (\$18.00/mo) and \$300 (\$25/mo), respectively. The high priority fee was not affected.

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