

New Business Item 9(c)

Subject: Delivery Vehicles Obstructing Transit Routes

Date: April 30, 2014

Submitted by: Commissioner Heisey

Background:

April 17, 2014:

Shred-It truck was observed in the same location at 77 King Street West at 9:50 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. and did not appear to have moved for a period of 6 hours in a No Standing zone.



March 7, 2014:

This past week I noticed the Shred-It truck parked in front of my building at 121 King Street West in a no stopping zone. I have seen Shred-It Trucks with multiple tickets on the front wind screen and traffic cones placed in the road allowance by Shred-It around their vehicle in the last 3-4 months. This has direct implications for the 504 King service.



November 15, 2013:

This morning on southbound Yonge Street just before Wellington large traffic delays with TTC buses backed up trying to go westbound on Wellington to southbound Bay because a Shred-It truck was illegally parked with traffic cones no less on southbound Yonge, in the west curbside lane. A second Shred-It truck was parked illegally on the north side of Wellington Street, west of Bay and east of York. Even though our buses don't go west of Bay on Wellington, this second truck contributed to back up and delay our buses going westbound on Wellington to turn southbound on Bay.

Recommendation:

1. TTC staff be directed to continue to seek co-operation from Shred-It to ensure steps are being taken by this company to discontinue this unlawful practice;
2. TTC staff continue to work with the Toronto Police Service (TPS) on priority enforcement of traffic and parking violations on transit routes, including encouraging TPS to escalate enforcement to obstruction violation tickets which carry higher fines on the Queen Street and King Street car routes;
3. TTC staff consult with City of Toronto Transportation Services on what initiatives have been implemented, and those that are being considered, that provide a greater disincentive to illegal parking and traffic infractions of this nature, and report this information back to the Board. This report should also include information from TTC staff on the use and effectiveness of TTC Route Supervisors who currently have the authority to issue parking tickets;
4. TTC Chair write to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee requesting that the City consider seeking the implementation of a parking fine system of escalating parking fines for repeat offenders and multiple offences, as well as the expansion of tow away zones on streetcar routes in congested areas, as the current fine regime is not inhibiting illegal parking; and
5. TTC staff report back on what a program of targeted enforcement of illegally stopped vehicles of all natures on King between Bathurst (or Spadina) and Church could achieve in terms of reduction of journey times and what this would represent in terms of cost savings of providing (should streetcars be available) equivalent service increases.