

On-Street Loading Zone for Disabled Persons - 149 Niagara Street (Trinity-Niagara)

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Toronto Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (October 28, 1999) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1:

Purpose:

To provide vehicle access to pick-up and drop-off a disabled person.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The implementation cost of this proposal is approximately \$175.00, funds for which are available in the Transportation Services 1999 Operating Budget.

Recommendations:

- (1) That an on-street loading zone for disabled persons operating between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday be established on the west side of Niagara Street, from a point 32 metres south of Wellington Street West to a point 11 metres further south; and
- (2) The appropriate City Officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect thereto, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

Comments:

At the request of Ms. Paula Da Costa, a resident of Premises No. 149 Niagara Street, and in consultation with Trinity-Niagara Councillors Joe Pantalone and Mario Silva, Transportation Services has investigated establishing a designated on-street loading zone for disabled persons in front of the above noted premises.

Ms. Da Costa requires the use of Wheel Trans transportation on a regular basis. Parking is currently allowed on the west or south side of Niagara Street, from Wellington Street West to Bathurst Street, for a maximum of one hour between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, the permit parking system is in effect from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, otherwise parking is permitted to a maximum of three hours at other times. Vehicles generally occupy the curb parking areas near Premises No. 149 Niagara Street, thus Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty accessing a space at the curb to pick-up or drop-off Ms. Da Costa. The result is the Wheel-Trans vehicles must stop within the travelled portion of the roadway, on a curved section of the street, obstructing traffic flow and creating a potentially hazardous situation for oncoming traffic and Wheel-Trans passengers.

To rectify this situation, a designated on-street loading zone for disabled person should be established on the west side of Niagara Street, fronting Premises No. 149, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

I note that this loading zone could be used by any vehicle displaying a valid disabled persons parking permit while actively engaged in loading activities but does not allow such a vehicle to park at this location.

The implementation of this proposal will eliminate two parking spaces during the above noted times, but should not significantly inconvenience visitors or permit parkers as parking will be allowed at other times.

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