

Installation of On-Street Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities: McGillivray Avenue

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| To: | North York Community Council |
| From: | Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District |
| Wards: | Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence |
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to install four on-street disabled persons’ parking spaces adjacent to 129 Mc Gillivray Avenue and to install stopping prohibitions on the north and south side of Mc Gillivray Avenue.

The introduction of the disabled persons’ parking spaces will address the distinct needs of the Agudath Israel Synagogue at 129 McGillivray Avenue and the installation of the stopping prohibition will ensure the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and maintain emergency access to the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. Schedule E of By-law No, 31770, of the former City of North York, be amended to install four on-street parking spaces for persons with disabilities on the south side of McGillivray Avenue, between a point 31 metres east of the west terminus of McGillivray Avenue to a point 22 metres east;

2. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to prohibit stopping anytime on the north side McGillivray Avenue from the west terminus of McGillivray Avenue to a point 75 metres east;
3. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to prohibit stopping anytime on the south side McGillivray Avenue from the west terminus of McGillivray Avenue to a point 31 metres east; and
4. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take any action necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the on-street disabled person's parking space and stopping prohibitions on McGillivray Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, was approached by a member of the Toronto Police Service and asked to review the legality of the existing disabled parking signs at 129 McGillivray Avenue and to consider installing stopping prohibitions within the limits of the cul-de-sac on McGillivray Avenue.

COMMENTS

It was determined that the existing disabled parking signs adjacent to 129 McGillivray Avenue were installed on city right-of-way without proper permission.

Although representatives of the Agudath Israel Synagogue have advised that they were unaware of the origin of the signs, they have requested that Transportation Services consider installing the appropriate signage for disabled parking for up to four vehicles adjacent to 129 McGillivray Avenue. The need for the disabled spaces is due to the fact that several members of the congregation are unable to walk to the synagogue from the parking facility located on the south side of the roadway.

The Toronto Police Service have advised that due to parking occurring within the limits of the cul-de-sac, access to the condominium at the end of the roadway by Emergency Services vehicles is negatively impacted. We have confirmed that this parking activity interferes with the manoeuvring of the public service vehicles within the cul-de-sac.

As such in view of our findings this division supports the retention of the disabled parking zone in front of 129 Mc Gillivray Avenue and the installation of the stopping prohibition on the north and south sides of the roadway.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of the contents of this report and has indicated her support of the introduction of the on-street disabled persons' parking space and the stopping prohibitions.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – McGillivray Avenue; Disabled Persons' Parking Space
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