



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

112 Merton Street - Provision of a Passenger Loading Area

Date:	January 29, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Michael Walker to introduce a "Passenger Loading Area" on the north side of Merton Street, fronting the Geneva Centre for Autism, located at 112 Merton Street.

The proposed implementation of this measure would keep the curb area fronting The Geneva Centre for Autism clear of parked vehicles, thereby enhancing opportunities for parents/guardians to park momentarily while in the process of picking-up/dropping-off children at the Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

- standing be prohibited on the north side of Merton Street, from a point 275 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 12 metres further east;
- the one-hour maximum parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the north side of Merton Street, from a point 83.8 metres east of Yonge Street to Mount Pleasant Road, be rescinded.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$ 800

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of representatives of the Geneva Centre for Autism, Traffic Operations staff reviewed the feasibility of establishing a “Passenger Loading Zone” on the north side of Merton Street, fronting No. 112.

COMMENTS

Merton Street, in the vicinity of No. 112 operates two-way on a pavement width of 11.2 metres. Parking (controlled by Pay and Display machines) on the north side of the roadway in the vicinity of 112 Merton Street, is permitted for a maximum period of two hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday. Pay parking is also permitted for a maximum period of three hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Otherwise, parking on the north side of the subject section of Merton Street is permitted at no charge for a maximum period of three hours. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of the subject section of Merton Street. It was also noted during our investigation that a redundant parking regulation exists within within Chapter 400 of the Municipal Code. In order to update the Code, Recommendation No. 2 should be adopted, as described above.

Results of Transportation Services Investigation

With respect to the subject request, we have identified a location for the installation of the proposed “Passenger Loading Zone” on the north side of Merton Street, from a point 275 metres east of Yonge Street to a point 12 metres further east, fronting 112 Merton Street. In order to facilitate the “Passenger Loading Zone” it will be necessary to adjust the existing signage to indicate “No Standing at Anytime” within the above-noted area, which will enhance access to the curb for persons who may be picking up and/or dropping off passengers fronting the building. A motorist may temporarily stop his/her vehicle in a standing prohibited area while actually engaged in picking up/discharging passengers, but may not unload/pick-up merchandise nor park his/her vehicle within the area.

This proposed 12 metre area fronts the entrance to 112 Merton Street and would result in the loss of two existing “Pay and Display” parking spaces on the north side of Merton Street in an area where on-street parking is in high demand throughout the day. Further, in view of the fact that a “Pay and Display” machine exists within a portion of the location of the proposed “Passenger Loading Area”, it will be necessary to re-locate the “Pay and Display” machine (the cost for this is the responsibility of the Toronto Parking Authority). Although the loss of two on-street parking spaces might present an inconvenience to some individuals conducting business in the area, the requirements necessary for the parents/caregivers of children attending the Geneva Centre of Autism outweighs the minor inconvenience that the loss of 2 pay and display parking spaces will create.

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