



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Prince Arthur Avenue – Commercial Loading Zone

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to establish a commercial loading zone to facilitate loading/unloading of goods on the south side of Prince Arthur Avenue at No. 37. The introduction of the commercial loading zone will provide for the loading/unloading of goods to the local businesses on Prince Arthur Avenue during day time hours. Parking will remain in the evening for patrons attending various restaurants, and overnight to parking permit holders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. designate a commercial loading zone, on the south side of Prince Arthur Avenue, from a point 32 metres east of Bedford Road to a point 10 metres further east, to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for a maximum period of thirty minutes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the introduction of the commercial loading zone, including an annual fee, will be the responsibility of the restaurant owner.

COMMENTS

At the request of local restaurant owner at No. 37 Prince Arthur Avenue and in consultation with Councillor Adam Vaughan, Transportation Services has reviewed the impacts of establishing a “Commercial Loading Zone”, in the vicinity of the main entrance/exit.

No. 37 Prince Arthur Avenue (Opus Restaurant) is located on the south side of the roadway, between Bedford Road and Avenue Road. The subject section of Prince Arthur Avenue is a local street operating one-way eastbound.

The parking regulations on Prince Arthur Avenue are as follows:

North Side:

- No Parking at all times.

South Side:

- Pay & Display parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday;
- Permit parking 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.,
- Maximum 3-hour parking at all other times.

Currently local businesses rely on sharing available on-street parking spaces for their deliveries with competing patron parking. This often results in delivery vehicles parking in prohibited parking areas or in front of a driveway. As a result delivery vehicles often incur parking tickets.

To improve this situation it is possible to establish a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the south side of Prince Arthur Avenue, from a point 32 metres east of Bedford Street to a point approximately 10 metres further east (fronting the main entrance/exit to Opus Restaurant). In order for a “Commercial Loading Zone” to be established on this section of Prince Arthur Avenue as depicted on Drawing No. 421F-9098, the following should be noted:

1. a “Commercial Loading Zone” is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise and no one, including the applicant, has exclusive rights to the loading zone;
2. the “Commercial Loading Zone” to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, with a maximum thirty minute parking limit; and
3. Opus Restaurant would be responsible for all incurred costs associated with the designation of a “Commercial Loading Zone” which includes installation and maintenance. Currently the annual fees are \$265.32 plus an initial installation cost of \$200.00 (2 signs and 1 pole required).

Two parking spaces will be affected during daytime hours. These spaces will still be available for parking in the evenings, overnight and on Sunday.

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