

Commercial Loading Zone: Eglinton Avenue West and Times Road

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Wards 15 Eglinton –Lawrence
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SUMMARY

To obtain approval to establish a commercial loading zone on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, west of Times Road.

The introduction of the commercial loading zone will provide for the loading/unloading of goods to the local businesses located at 1652 Eglinton Avenue West, west of Times Road, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m..

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services North York District recommends that City Council:

1. designate a commercial loading zone to operate between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, from a point 7.5 metres west of Times Road to a point 7.0 metres further west

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost associated with the introduction of the commercial loading zone, including initial sign installation and an annual fee, is the responsibility of the applicant, Verdi Produce, 1652 Eglinton Avenue West.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Howard Moscoe on behalf of Verdi Produce (1652 Eglinton Avenue West), Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of establishing a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, west of Times Road to accommodate the delivery needs of Verdi Produce.

COMMENTS

Eglinton Avenue West is a four-lane major arterial road, with a pavement width of 15.2 metres. The regulatory speed limit is 50 km/h.

Currently, a “No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition exists on both sides of the roadway and a High Occupancy Vehicle lane also exists on both sides of Eglinton Avenue West.

Under provisions of the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario (H.T.A.), a vehicle while actually engaged in loading/unloading passengers or merchandise/cargo may legally do so where parking is prohibited, as long as the vehicle is not left unattended. However, vehicles left unattended within a “Commercial Loading Zone” are typically given a 15 minute grace period before a parking infraction notice would be issued.

Therefore, in view of the above stipulations of the H.T.A. and the current stopping regulations in place on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, just west of Times Road, Verdi Produce has requested the implementation of a “Commercial Loading Zone”.

Our review has indicated that it is feasible to establish a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, from a point 7.5 metres west of Times Road to a point approximately 7.0 metres further west. In order for a “Commercial Loading Zone” to be established on this section of Eglinton Avenue West, as depicted on drawing No.TC1236B.DGN, 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 has exclusive rights to the loading zone;
2. the “Commercial Loading Zone” is to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
3. Verdi Produce 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 \$271.95 plus an initial installation cost of \$275.00.

Staff of the North York District, Traffic Operations Unit has advised the owner/operator of Verdi Produce of the above costs associated with installation of the "Commercial Loading Zone".

It should also be noted that this proposal will not result in a loss of on-street parking on Eglinton Avenue West, nor will it impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic on Eglinton Avenue West or Times Road.

North York Community Council does not have delegated authority regarding this matter, due to the T.T.C. bus operation on Eglinton Avenue West.

Councillor Howard Moscoe has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Commercial Loading Zone, Eglinton Av W from a point 7.5 meters west of Times Rd to a point 7.0 meters west (*ny08086_map1*)
- Attachment 2: Location of Commercial Loading Zone, Eglinton Av W at Times Rd (*ny08086_map2*)