

Proposed Disabled Loading Zone on the South Side of Hedge End Road north of Sheppard Avenue East

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 42 – Scarborough-Rouge River
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SUMMARY

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

This report responds to a concern about lack of a loading zone in front of #3 Hedge End Road. Staff has confirmed the need for this loading zone to facilitate Wheel Trans pick-up and drop-off of patrons.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “Disabled Loading Zone” signs on the south/east side of Hedge End Road from a point 74 metres north of Sheppard Avenue East to a point 15 metres further east. This regulation will assist patrons in gaining access/egress to transportation services (provided by Wheel Trans).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report, and
2. Amend the appropriate by-law accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$350.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0226.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern (from an area resident and raised by Councillor Raymond Cho) about the lack of a disabled loading zone, Transportation Services staff investigated the location at 3 Hedge End Road. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns regarding parked cars blocking safe areas for the loading and unloading of patrons at this location.

Disabled Parking, Disabled Loading Zone Parking prohibitions/regulations in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an “as needed basis”.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Hedge End Road include:

- The land use on Hedge End Road between Sheppard Avenue East and Meadowvale Road is single family/town house dwellings.
- Hedge End Road is a two-lane local road with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.
- Parking is currently prohibited on the north/west side of Hedge End Road in order to maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic.

We anticipate that the Disabled Loading Zone on the south side and the defined limit of the road occupation of a relatively small area (approximately 15 metres in length) on Hedge End Road would have a minimal negative impact for local residents and traffic operations.

Hedge End Road is classified as a local road in the City's approved Road Classification System; as such, the authority to implement the proposed parking regulation has been delegated to Scarborough Community Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (enact)
2. Location Plan – Proposed Disabled Loading Zone

Appendix 1

“No Parking” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Hedge End Road	South/East	A point 74 metres north of Sheppard Avenue East	A point 15 metres further north/east	Anytime Disabled Excepted