



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Richmond Street West – Commercial Loading Zone

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority to establish a commercial loading zone on the south side of Richmond Street West, east of York Street. The introduction of the commercial loading zone will provide for the loading/unloading of goods to local businesses on Richmond Street West and York Street, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m..

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. designate a commercial loading zone to operate between 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Richmond Street West, from a point 30.5 metres east of York Street to a point 50 metres further east.

Financial Impact

The cost associated with the introduction of the commercial loading zone, including an annual fee, is the responsibility the applicant, Freedman Corporate Apparel, 121 Richmond Street West.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Pam McConnell on behalf of Freedman Corporate Apparel (121 Richmond Street West), Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of establishing a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the south side of Richmond Street West, east of York Street to accommodate the delivery needs of local businesses.

COMMENTS

Richmond Street West, between York Street and Sheppard Street, is a four-lane major arterial road, operating one-way westbound on a pavement width of 12.8 metres. The posted speed limit is 50 km/h. The TTC operates regular bus service on Richmond Street West (141 – Downtown/Mt. Pleasant, 142 – Downtown/Avenue, 143 – Downtown/Beach Exp., 144 – Downtown/Don Valley).

The following parking controls are in effect on the south side of Richmond Street West, between York Street and Sheppard Street:

- No Stopping 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- No Standing 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- No Parking Anytime.

Under provisions of the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario, a vehicle while actually engaged in loading/unloading passengers or merchandise/cargo may legally do so where parking is prohibited. Considering the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation in place on the south side of Richmond Street West where the “Commercial Loading Zone” is requested, loading and unloading of passengers and/or merchandise/cargo is legally permitted. However, motorists engaged in loading/unloading activities within a “No Parking” area that leave the vehicle unattended for a short period of time will receive a parking violation, whereas vehicles left unattended within a “Commercial Loading Zone” are typically given a 15 minute grace period before they are ticketed.

It is feasible to establish a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the south side of Richmond Street West, from a point 30.5 metres east of York Street to a point approximately 50 metres further east. In order for a “Commercial Loading Zone” to be established on this section of Richmond Street West as depicted on drawing No. 421F-9237, 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 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday;

3. Freedman Corporate Apparel 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 (3 signs and 1 pole required).

This proposal will result in no loss of on-street parking.

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