



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Danforth Avenue – Commercial Loading Zone

Date:	March 12, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29 Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority to establish a commercial loading zone on the north side of Danforth Avenue, west of Eaton Avenue. The introduction of the commercial loading zone will provide for the loading/unloading of goods to the local businesses on Danforth Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Designate a commercial loading zone to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the north side of Danforth Avenue, from a point 9 metres west of Eaton Avenue to a point 8 metres further west.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Case Ootes on behalf of a local business (Akropolis, No. 708 Danforth Avenue), Transportation Services has investigated establishing a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the north side of Danforth Avenue, west of Eaton Avenue to accommodate the delivery needs of local businesses.

COMMENTS

Danforth Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Eaton Avenue, is classified as a major arterial road, operating two-way on a pavement width of 16.5 metres. The speed limit is 50 km/h. TTC operates the Route 300 Bloor/Danforth night service bus on this section of Danforth Avenue.

Eaton Avenue is located one block east of the signalized intersection of Danforth Avenue and Pape Avenue, and runs one-way northbound from Danforth Avenue forming a “T” type intersection. No. 708 Danforth Avenue is situated on the north side, just west of Eaton Avenue.

The following parking controls are in effect on Danforth Avenue, between Eaton Avenue and Pape Avenue:

North Side:

- Pay-and-Display parking from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and
- No Stopping from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday to Friday.

South Side:

- Pay-and-Display parking from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and
- No Stopping from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

There is pay-and-display parking directly in front of No. 708 Danforth Avenue. Immediately east is a 17-metre corner “No Parking Anytime” regulation which extends to Eaton Avenue.

It is legal for commercial vehicles to deliver goods from a “No Parking” zone. However, Transportation Services staff observed vehicles, with a valid disabled parking permit, parking on the north side of the Danforth Avenue, west of Eaton Avenue within this zone, preventing commercial vehicles from delivering to local businesses.

We can establish an 8-metre “Commercial Loading Zone” within the existing 17-metre “No Parking Anytime” section located on the north side of Danforth Avenue, just west of Eaton Avenue. This would allow us to install “Commercial Loading Zone” signs, would deter illegal parking, and would reduce the corner parking prohibition to 9 metres. This proposal will result in no loss of on-street parking. It should be noted that 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.

In order for a “Commercial Loading Zone” to be established on this section of Danforth Avenue as depicted on Drawing No. 421F-9234, 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 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily; and
 3. Akropolis 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 \$200.00 (2 signs and 1 pole required).

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Drawing No. 421F-9234, dated March 2008

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