



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Passenger Loading Area – No. 811/815 Danforth Avenue (Woodgreen Community Services)

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto –Danforth, Ward 30
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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.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to establish a passenger loading area on behalf of Woodgreen Community Services at No. 811/815 Danforth Avenue, located between Pape Avenue and Jones Avenue. The passenger loading area will operate between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and will include a designated area for exclusive use by disabled persons. The installation will result in the loss of pay-and display parking spaces and the associated revenue generated by those spaces during the operating times of the passenger loading zone.

The passenger loading area will facilitate curb side access for vehicles, including Wheel-Trans vehicles, picking-up or dropping-off clients attending Woodgreen Community Services.

The recommendations also address certain errors in the parking machine by-law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing regulation authorizing the operation of parking machines on the south side of Danforth Avenue between Bowden Street and Langford Avenue.

2. Authorize the operation of parking machines from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour on the south side of Danforth Avenue from Bowden Street to a point 299 metres east of Pape Avenue
3. Authorize the operation of parking machines from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour on the south side of Danforth Avenue from a point 299 metres east of Pape Avenue to a point 25 metres further east.
4. Authorize the operation of parking machines from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour on the south side of Danforth Avenue from a point 324 metres east of Pape Avenue to a point 30.5 metres west of Jones Avenue.
5. Authorize the installation of an on-street pick-up and drop-off area for disabled persons in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Danforth Avenue from a point 299 metres east of Pape Avenue to a point 10 metres further east.
6. Authorize the installation of an on-street passenger pick-up and drop-off area by prohibiting standing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Danforth Avenue from a point 309 metres east of Pape Avenue to a point 15 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget	\$500.00

The Toronto Parking Authority estimates the loss of revenue associated with the loss of parking between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, in connection with installation of the subject passenger loading area to be approximately \$11,000.00 annually.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Paula Fletcher has requested Transportation Services staff to investigate establishing a passenger loading area on behalf of Woodgreen Community Services at No. 811/815 Danforth Avenue. A representative of Woodgreen Services has advised Transportation Services that curb side access in front of their building entrance is needed for their clients, including those with disabilities. On-street parking is allowed at all times in front of the building and as a result, they are requesting that a passenger loading

area, 25 metres in length, be designated between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, in front of their west building entrance.

COMMENTS

Danforth Avenue is a two-way, four-lane, major arterial road having a pavement width of approximately 14.5 metres. Woodgreen Community Services is located on the south side of Danforth Avenue, between Pape Avenue and Jones Avenue. The Toronto Transit Commission does not operate a surface route along this section of Danforth Avenue. The parking regulations on the south side of Danforth Avenue fronting this location are as follows:

- “Stopping” is prohibited between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- maximum three-hour parking limit at other times; and
- pay-and-display parking operates from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday.

It is feasible to establish a passenger loading area in front of Woodgreen Community Services on the south side of Danforth Avenue, except during the afternoon peak period, between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, when "Stopping" is prohibited.

A “No Standing” zone, 25 metres in length, could be introduced in front of the west building entrance. Within a "No Standing" zone drivers are allowed to stop their vehicles while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a passenger but are not allowed to park or to load/unload goods or merchandise. To better assist curb side access for persons with disabilities, a 10 metre section of the passenger loading area could be designated exclusively as a disabled person pick-up and drop-off area. This would allow only those vehicles displaying a valid disabled persons’ permit, including Wheel-Trans vehicles, to stop and pick-up or drop-off passengers with disabilities.

The Toronto Parking Authority operates pay-and-display parking machines along Danforth Avenue, including in front of the Woodgreen Community Services building. The proposed 25 metre passenger loading area will remove approximately four parking spaces on Danforth Avenue between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The revenue generated from those parking spaces during that time is estimated to be approximately \$11,000.00 annually.

On-street parking is in high demand on Danforth Avenue at most times of the day and evening, including weekends. Area businesses and their patrons, as well as local residents, may have a concern with the loss of parking along the Danforth Avenue commercial strip during the weekday daytime period.

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