



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Provision of passenger loading areas - Merton Street

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Merton Street, fronting Nos. 164 and 224 Merton Street (sites operated by the Geneva Centre for Autism).

The intent of these regulations is to keep the curb areas clear and enhance opportunity for parents/guardians to stop momentarily while in the process of picking-up/dropping-off children at the Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Merton Street:
 - a. from a point 40 metres west of Pailton Crescent to a point 8 metres further west; and
 - b. from a point 179.5 metres west of Pailton Crescent to a point 8 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff has investigated an inquiry from Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of the Geneva Centre for Autism, to determine the feasibility of providing areas where passengers may safely be picked up or dropped off at the curb on the north side of Merton Street, fronting Nos. 164 and 224.

COMMENTS

Road characteristics

Merton Street, in the vicinity of Nos. 164 and 224 operates two-way on a pavement width of 11.2 metres. Parking on the north side of the road in the vicinity of Nos. 164 and 224 Merton Street, is controlled by parking machines and is allowed as follows:

- for a maximum period of two hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and
- for a maximum period of three hours, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Parking is allowed at other times on the north side of the subject section of Merton Street for a maximum period of three hours with no payment required. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of Merton Street in proximity to these addresses.

Investigation

Staff's investigation identified two potential locations where regulatory changes could prevent/discourage parking and provide an area where cars could stop to pick up or drop-off a passenger. These locations are on the north side of Merton Street:

- from a point 40 metres west of Pailton Crescent to a point 8 metres further west (fronting No. 224 Merton Street); and
- from a point 179.5 metres west of Pailton Crescent to a point 8 metres further west (fronting No. 164 Merton Street).

To further facilitate this request it is necessary to prohibit standing at all times in the above-noted areas. This regulation will allow a motorist to temporarily stop a vehicle while actually engaged in picking up/dropping off passengers, but will not allow a vehicle to park in the area.

The loss of 2 parking spaces on Merton Street might present an inconvenience to some individuals conducting business in the area but the need to provide a safe area where parents/guardians can pick-up/drop-off children at the Geneva Centre for Autism properties should outweigh the minor inconvenience.

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