



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Disabled Loading Zone - Murray Street, west side, between Orde Street and Elm Street

<b>Date:</b>	August 1, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
<b>Report Number:</b>	Ts08131te.top.doc

#### **SUMMARY**

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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 has been requested by representatives of Mount Sinai Hospital to install a disabled loading zone on the west side of Murray Street to facilitate the pick-up/drop-off of disabled patients at Mount Sinai Hospital's No. 60 Murray Street building.

Implementation of this measure will help keep a section of the curb area in front of No. 60 Murray Street clear of vehicles, improving opportunity for disabled passenger pick-up/drop-off at this location.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Adjust the regulation authorizing the operation of parking machines, on the west side of Murray Street, between Orde Street and a point 48 metres south, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at a rate of \$2.50 for one hour with a maximum of 3 hours, to indicate:
  - a. from a point 23.4 metres south of Orde Street to a point 24.6 metres further south.

2. Approve installation of a “Disabled Loading Zone”, on the west side of Murray Street, from a point 10.7 metres south of Orde Street to a point 12.7 metres further south.

**Financial Impact**

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget	\$400.00

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of a representative of Mount Sinai Hospital and in consultation with Councillor Adam Vaughan, Transportation Services investigated the possibility of installing a loading zone for disabled persons, fronting the main doors of the hospital’s No. 60 Murray Street building, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off of disabled patients at the hospital.

**COMMENTS**

**Parking and Road Operation**

Murray Street, between Orde Street and Elm Street, operates two-way on a pavement width of 12.2 metres. Standing is prohibited at anytime on the east side of Murray Street, between Orde Street and Elm Street. Parking is allowed on the west side of Murray Street (where the disabled loading zone is proposed), and controlled by parking machines between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., daily. Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours without charge. Signs giving affect to the parking regulations are posted and clearly visible.

**Investigation**

Legally parked vehicles on the west side of Murray Street in front of No. 60 Murray Street generally prevent WheelTrans buses pulling up against the curb to load/unload disabled persons/patients. These buses are frequently left with no convenient area in which to stop momentarily. Drivers must resort to double-parking, creating a potentially hazardous situation for motorists, passengers and themselves or stop some distance away from the entrance to the hospital, creating an inconvenience for disabled passengers.

**Resolution**

Designating an on-street loading zone for disabled persons on the west side of Murray Street, from a point 10.7 metres south of Orde Street to a point 12.7 metres further south is recommended. This will result in the loss of 2 parking spaces on the west side of Murray Street. However, the benefit provided to disabled persons attending or visiting Mount Sinai Hospital outweighs the minor inconvenience that the loss of parking spaces may create.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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