



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Disabled persons' loading zone - Wallace Avenue

Date:	August 14, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport – Ward 18
Reference Number:	Ts08149te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to establish a disabled person's loading zone fronting No. 159 Wallace Avenue. The loading zone will provide curb-side access for Wheel-Trans vehicles picking up or dropping off a disabled resident at that address. The loading zone is required from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily and will result in the loss of one on-street parking during this period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve installation of a disabled person's loading zone operating, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Wallace Avenue, from a point 37.5 metres west of Emerson Avenue to a point 12.5 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2008 operating budget	\$ 500.00

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has investigated establishing a disabled person's loading zone for a resident of No. 159 Wallace Avenue.

Wallace Avenue is a local roadway operating two-way with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking is allowed on the south side of Wallace Avenue for a maximum period of three hours. Permit parking operates between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily. Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of the street. There is no public transit service on Wallace Avenue.

Wheel-Trans buses frequently have difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting No. 159 Wallace Avenue as a result of parked cars. When curb-side access is blocked by a parked vehicle, the bus must "double park" in front of the home, impeding the flow of traffic.

Wheel-Trans Service is required between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, installation of an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons in front of No. 159 Wallace Avenue is recommended. The designated area could also be used during the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. operational period by any vehicle displaying a valid "Disabled/Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person. Parking will be maintained outside of that time, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits. Although a parking space will be lost during daytime hours, this will not result in the loss of an overnight permit parking space.

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