



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Passenger Loading Zone – Dundas Street West**

<b>Date:</b>	August 14, 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>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08154te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Dundas Street West, in front of the Art Gallery of Ontario, between Beverley Street and McCaul Street.

The intent of this regulation is to provide a passenger loading zone for buses and motor vehicles to stop momentarily while in the process of picking-up/dropping-off patrons at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Beverley Street and a point 117 metres east thereof.
2. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point 137 metres east of Beverley Street and a point 39.2 metres west of McCaul Street.
3. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Dundas Street, between McCaul Street and a point 62.5 metres west thereof.

4. Rescind the standing prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point 117 metres east of Beverley Street and a point 20 metres further east thereof.
5. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking regulation in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., daily, on the north side of Dundas Street West, between Beverley Street and McCaul Street.
6. Rescind the one-hour maximum parking regulation in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., daily, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Beverley Street and a point 62.5 metres west of McCaul Street.
7. Prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Beverley Street and a point 95 metres east thereof.
8. Prohibit parking from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point 95 metres east of Beverley Street and McCaul Street.
9. Authorize the operation of parking machines from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 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, and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, for a maximum period of 2.5 hours, at a rate of \$2.00 per hour on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point 95 metres east of Beverley Street and McCaul Street.

## 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 a request from R.V. Anderson and Associates on behalf of the Art Gallery of Ontario, to determine the feasibility of providing a passenger loading zone in front of the Art Gallery of Ontario where gallery patrons may be safely picked up or dropped off.

## COMMENTS

### Road characteristics

Under normal conditions, Dundas Street West, between Beverley Street and McCaul Street is a four-lane major arterial road with TTC streetcar service operating in the median lanes. Currently, due to a construction staging area, the eastbound curb lane is closed to traffic and stopping is prohibited at all times on the south side.

Prior to the construction staging area, stopping on the south side of the roadway was prohibited during the weekday morning peak period and parking was prohibited during the weekday afternoon peak period. Approximately 15 parking spaces were controlled by “pay-and-display” machines during the weekday off-peak and weekend periods.

## **Analysis**

The Art Gallery of Ontario is scheduled to re-open on November 14, 2008. With the imminent completion of the construction project at the Art Gallery of Ontario the construction staging area and the stopping prohibition on the south side of the road will be removed and the parking by-laws will revert back to their original status.

To accommodate the request for a passenger loading zone, standing must be prohibited on a portion of the south side of Dundas Street West. This regulation will allow buses and motor vehicles to stop momentarily while in the process of picking-up/dropping-off patrons at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Advisory signs will divide the proposed passenger loading zone into an area for buses and an area for motor vehicles. The exact limits of each zone will be determined through discussions with the Art Gallery of Ontario.

On-street parking will be reinstated east of the loading zones. The designation of a loading zone will result in the loss of approximately 7 of the 15 parking spaces on the south side of the street. However, 17 parking spaces are available on the north side of road and additional on-street parking is provided on Beverly Street and McCaul Street.

During the course of this investigation a number of outdated by-law entries were noted that should be rescinded to ensure consistency between the by-law and the signed parking regulations on Dundas Street West. The necessary changes are outlined in the above-noted Recommendation Nos. 3, 5 and 6.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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