



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Disabled Persons’ Loading Zone – No. 21 Sparkhall Avenue

Date:	October 29, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts08198te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 21 Sparkhall Avenue between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The loading zone will provide curb-side access for Wheel-Trans vehicles servicing a disabled resident at that address and will not negatively impact residential permit parking holders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Establish a disabled persons’ loading zone operating from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Sparkhall Avenue from a point 96 metres east of Broadview Avenue to a point 11 metres further east.

Financial Impact

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

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has been requested to investigate establishing a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons on behalf of a disabled resident at No. 21 Sparkhall Avenue who requires Wheel-Trans service.

Sparkhall Avenue is a local road operating two-way between Broadview Avenue and Hampton Avenue with a pavement width of approximately 7 metres. Parking is prohibited on the north side of the street at all times and on the south side between Broadview Avenue and a point 36.6 metres east. Parking is otherwise allowed on the south side of Sparkhall Avenue for a maximum period of three hours, outside of the hours of permit parking operation from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily. There is no TTC service on Sparkhall Avenue.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles frequently experience difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting No. 21 Sparkhall Avenue due to the presence of parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by a parked vehicle, the Wheel-Trans vehicle must “double park” in front of the home, impeding the flow of vehicular traffic.

The disabled resident generally requires Wheel-Trans service between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street disabled persons’ loading zone could be designated in front of No. 21 Sparkhall Avenue during that time period. The zone could also be used by any vehicle displaying a valid “Accessible Parking Permit” while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person. Outside of the 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday to Friday time period, the area could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits.

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