



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Ashdale Avenue – disabled persons pick-up/drop-off zone**

<b>Date:</b>	December 4, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08002te.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 pick-up/drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 369 Ashdale Avenue. The purpose of the zone is to provide curbside access for Wheel-Trans vehicles servicing a disabled resident at that address. The installation of the pick-up/drop-off zone will result in the loss of one on-street parking space between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., daily.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. establish an on-street pick-up/drop-off zone for disabled persons operating from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of Ashdale Avenue from Fairford Avenue to a point 13.5 metres north.

**Financial Impact**

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 operating budget interim appropriations	\$ 250

## **COMMENTS**

Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Paula Fletcher and Wheel-Trans staff, has investigated establishing a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons on behalf of a resident of No. 369 Ashdale Avenue.

Ashdale Avenue is a local roadway operating two-way between Fairford Avenue and its northern limit (CNR tracks), three blocks west of Coxwell Avenue. Parking is allowed on the east side of Ashdale Avenue for a maximum period of three hours. Permit parking operates between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily. There is no transit service on Ashdale Avenue.

This resident uses Wheel-Trans service and vehicles frequently have difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting her home as a result of parked cars. Wheel-Trans staff has acknowledged that when curbside access is blocked by a parked vehicle, their van has to “double park” in front of the home impeding the flow of traffic. Otherwise, they park within the pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Ashdale Avenue and Fairford Avenue, a potentially hazardous situation.

Wheel-Trans Service is required between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curbside access, an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons could be designated in front of the home during that time period. The designated area 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, but not for parking between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., daily. Outside of that time period, the area could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits. Accordingly, while the installation of the proposed disabled person pick-up drop-off zone will prevent local residents from using this space to park between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., daily, this will not result in the loss of a permit parking space.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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