



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Disabled Persons' Loading Zone – Jones Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	February 23, 2009
<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>	Ts09036te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

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Transportation Services is requesting City Council's approval to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 406 Jones Avenue operating between 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 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 or TTC bus service.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. Approve the installation of an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons operating from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Jones Avenue from a point 174 metres north of Boulton Avenue to a point 11 metres further north.

### Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2009 Interim Operating Budget	\$500.00

### ISSUE BACKGROUND

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. 406 Jones Avenue who requires Wheel-Trans service.

## **COMMENTS**

Jones Avenue is a north/south minor arterial road operating two-way between Queen Street East and Danforth Avenue with one vehicle lane and one bicycle lane in each direction. Parking is generally allowed on both sides of Jones Avenue. No. 406 Jones Avenue is located on the west side of the street, north of Gerrard Street East, in the block between Boulton Avenue and Strathcona Avenue, where parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily. The TTC operates bus service along Jones Avenue.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles frequently experience difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting No. 406 Jones Avenue due to the presence of parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by parked vehicles, the Wheel-Trans vehicle must “double park” in front of the home, impeding the flow of traffic and blocking the bicycle lane.

The disabled resident generally requires Wheel-Trans service between 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street disabled persons’ loading zone could be designated in front of No. 406 Jones Avenue during that time period. The zone could also be used by any vehicle displaying a valid “Disabled/Accessible Parking Permit” while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person. The disabled persons’ loading zone would eliminate two parking spaces. However, outside of the 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday time period, the zone could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits. The loading zone would not negatively impact TTC bus service.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9569, dated February 2009

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