



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Disabled Persons' Loading Zone – Norlong Boulevard

Date:	March 5, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 31
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 9 Norlong Boulevard, operating between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., daily. The loading zone will provide curb-side access for Wheel-Trans vehicles servicing a disabled resident at that address and will not negatively impact existing on-street parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons operating from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of Norlong Boulevard from a point 77 metres north of Cosburn Avenue to a point 6 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. 9 Norlong Boulevard who requires Wheel-Trans service.

COMMENTS

Norlong Boulevard is a north/south local road operating two-way between O'Connor Drive and Cosburn Avenue. Parking is generally allowed on both sides of Norlong Boulevard for a maximum period of three hours. No. 9 Norlong Boulevard is located on the east side of the street, just north of Cosburn Avenue. There is no TTC service on Norlong Boulevard.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles frequently experience difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting No. 9 Norlong Boulevard 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.

The disabled resident generally requires Wheel-Trans service between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street disabled persons' loading zone could be designated in front of No. 9 Norlong Boulevard 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 one parking space. However, outside of the 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., daily time period, the zone could be used for parking by residents.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9585, dated March 2009