



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Taxicab Stand – Front of No. 444 Front Street West

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to request Council's authority to implement a taxicab stand on the north side of Front Street West, in front of The Globe and Mail Newspaper building located at No. 444 Front Street West.

A taxicab stand can be implemented at the above-noted location without adversely effecting traffic operations, the safety of road users, or on-street parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommend that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve installation of a taxicab stand on the north side of Front Street West, from a point 95 metres west of Spadina Avenue to a point 15 metres further west.
2. Rescind the parking machine/meter parking regulation, which operates from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour, on the north side of Front Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Portland Street.
3. Approve implementation of a parking machine/meter parking regulation, which operates from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday,

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$2.00 per hour, on the north side of Front Street West:

- a. from Spadina Avenue to a point 95 metres west thereof; and
- b. from a point 110 metres west of Spadina Avenue to Portland Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2009 Operating Budget	\$200.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In response to a request from The Globe and Mail, located at No. 444 Front Street West, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of installing a taxicab stand on the north side of Front Street West, in front of No. 444 Front Street West.

COMMENTS

Front Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street is classified as a minor arterial roadway, operates two-way and has a pavement width of 13.4 metres. The speed limit on this section of Front Street West is 50km/h. No TTC bus service currently operates on this section of Front Street West. The Globe and Mail building (444 Front Street West) is located on the north side of Front Street West, about 70 metres west of Spadina Avenue.

The following parking regulations are currently signed on the north side of this section of Front Street West:

- Parking is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from a point 83.2 metres west of Portland Street to Spadina Avenue.
- Pay and display parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday.
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

It is feasible to establish a taxi stand for 2 vehicles on the north side of Front Street West from a point 95 metres west of Spadina Avenue to a point 15 metres further west. This would provide a taxicab stand in front of the main doors to The Globe and Mail building. Installation of the taxicab stand will not negatively impact traffic operations but it will require eliminating two parking spaces at the proposed location.

However, during the course of investigation it was noted that a section of the north side of Front Street West from a point 95 metres west of Spadina Avenue to a point 47 metres further west is signed “No Standing Anytime”. Staff determined this regulation identified a transit loading zone and dates back to a time when the T.T.C. operated bus service on this section of Front Street West. Since there is no longer T.T.C. service provided on this section of Front Street West, the signs giving effect to the statutory no standing regulation are no longer authorized and will be removed. In combination with installation of the taxicab stand, this will result in a net gain of about 6 parking spaces in the “pay and display” parking area, west of Spadina Avenue.

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