



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed Passenger Loading Zone – 550 Wellington Street West

<b>Date:</b>	May 20, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09058te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has evaluated a request from Hotel 550 Wellington GP, LTD. to provide loading opportunities for hotel guests. The hotel is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.

The designation of an on-street loading zone on the north side of Wellington Street West will provide loading opportunities for hotel guests and will not adversely impact traffic or pedestrian operations on Wellington Street West.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Wellington Street West, from Bathurst Street to a point 152.4 metres east.
2. Prohibit standing from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 4:00 p.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday on the north side of Wellington Street West, between a point 24 metres east of Bathurst Street and a point 18 metres further east.
3. Prohibit standing at all times Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays on the north side of Wellington Street West, between a point 24 metres east of Bathurst Street and a point 18 metres further east.

4. Prohibit parking from 6:00 p.m. of one day to 4:00 p.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday on the north side of Wellington Street West from Bathurst Street to a point 24 metres east and from a point 42 metres east of Bathurst Street to a point 152.4 metres east of Bathurst Street.
5. Prohibit parking at all times Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays on the north side of Wellington Street West from Bathurst Street to a point 24 metres east and from a point 42 metres east of Bathurst Street to a point 152.4 metres east of Bathurst Street.

### **Financial Impact**

All costs associated with installation of the passenger loading zone, including an annual fee, will be the responsibility of the business owner.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from Hotel 550 Wellington GP, Limited (developer for the future Thompson Toronto Hotel), to determine the feasibility of providing a passenger loading zone at this premises.

### **COMMENTS**

#### **Road characteristics**

Wellington Street West, in the vicinity of No. 550 Wellington Street West is a collector road operating one-way westbound on a pavement width of 7.3 metres. Parking is prohibited at any time on the north side of Wellington Street West, from Bathurst Street to a point 152.4 metres east thereof (includes 550 Wellington Street West) and stopping is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between Bathurst Street and Portland Street. There is no TTC service on this street.

#### **Analysis**

The Thompson Toronto Hotel is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009 with its main entrance fronting on the north side of Wellington Street West, east of Bathurst Street. In order to accommodate the hotel loading requirements, Transportation Services evaluated a proposal to construct a lay-by within the north sidewalk of Wellington Street West, east of Bathurst Street. Based on our review, there is not sufficient sidewalk width adjacent to the hotel site to construct a lay-by and maintain an acceptable sidewalk width. However, in order to accommodate the loading requirements of the hotel, it is feasible to designate an on-street loading zone from a point 24 metres east of Bathurst Street to a point 18 metres further east.

The designation of a loading zone will not result in the loss of any parking spaces as parking is currently prohibited on this section of Wellington Street West.

Hotel 550 Wellington GP, LTD. would be responsible for all incurred costs associated with the designation of a “Passenger Loading Zone” which includes installation and maintenance. Currently the annual fees are \$271.95 plus an initial installation cost of \$500.00 (2 signs and 2 poles required).

Councillor Adam Vaughan has been consulted in regard to this matter.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9608, dated March 2009

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