



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Disabled Persons’ Loading Zone – Beatrice Street

Date:	October 14, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has investigated and recommends the installation of a designated on-street loading zone for disabled persons on the east side of Beatrice Street, fronting No. 187. The loading zone would be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily. This will provide curb-side access to Wheel-Trans vehicles by a disabled resident at that address and will not negatively impact residential permit parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of an on-street loading zone for disabled persons, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of Beatrice Street from a point 78.4 metres north of College Street to a point 6.2 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has been requested by a resident at No. 187 Beatrice Street to consider installing an on-street loading zone for disabled persons on the east side of Beatrice Street in front of this property.

COMMENTS

Beatrice Street is a local roadway that operates one-way northbound. No. 187 Beatrice Street is located on the east side of the road, north of College Street. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours on the east side of the street, except from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily when permit parking regulations apply. There are 52 parking spaces available and 31 overnight parking permits issued to residents on the section of Beatrice Street, between College Street and North Beatrice Street. Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side of Beatrice Street. There is no TTC service on Beatrice Street.

Transportation Services has confirmed that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curb in the vicinity of No. 187 Beatrice Street 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 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, installation of an on-street loading zone for disabled persons in front of No. 187 Beatrice Street is recommended, with operation restricted to the period from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily. The loading zone can 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 during the hours of operation. However, outside of the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. time period, the loading zone can be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits.

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