



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Disabled Persons’ Loading Zone – Crawford Street

Date:	October 21, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
Reference Number:	Ts09186te.top.doc

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 was requested to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 398 Crawford Street operating between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 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.

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 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Crawford Street from a point 45.6 metres south of Sully Crescent to a point 8.9 metres further south.

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 to investigate establishing a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons on behalf of a disabled resident at No. 398 Crawford Street who requires Wheel-Trans service.

COMMENTS

Crawford Street is a local roadway that operates one-way in the northbound direction. It has a speed limit of 30 km/h (speed humps have been installed) and a daily traffic volume of about 1,800 vehicles. No. 398 Crawford Street is located on the west side of the road, south of Sully Crescent. On this section of Crawford Street, the following alternate-side parking regulations are in effect:

- one-hour maximum parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily;
- permit parking, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- three-hour maximum parking at all other times.

On the section of Crawford Street, between Sully Crescent and Cinder Avenue, there are 13 spaces available and nine permits have been issued. There is no TTC service on Crawford Street.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting No. 398 Crawford 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., Monday to Friday. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street disabled persons’ loading zone could be designated in front of No. 398 Crawford Street during that time period. The property frontage of No. 398 Crawford Street is only 4.7 metres, which is insufficient to designate a proper loading space. Therefore, it was necessary to also occupy the property frontage of No. 400 Crawford Street, which provides an additional 4.2 metres.

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 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday time period, the zone could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No 421F-9817, dated October 2009

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