



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Disabled Persons' Loading Zone – Victor Avenue

Date:	October 21, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts09187te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting Community Council's approval to establish a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 103 Victor Avenue. The loading zone will provide curb-side access for Wheel-Trans vehicles transporting a disabled resident at that address and will result in the loss of two parking spaces between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Friday through Monday. The installation will however not reduce the available parking space supply for over-night permit parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends 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 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday through Monday, on the south side of Victor Avenue from a point 98 metres west of Howland Road to a point 10 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 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. 103 Victor Avenue who uses Wheel-Trans service.

COMMENTS

Victor Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Howland Avenue, is a local road operating one-way eastbound with a pavement width of 7.3 metres. Parking is allowed on the south side of Victor Avenue for a maximum period of three hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., daily. Parking is allowed by permit only on the north side of the street between April 1st and November 30th at “parking islands” (parking stalls for two vehicles spaced approximately 40 metres apart by no parking zones). Parking is otherwise prohibited at all times on the north side of Victor Avenue from December 1st to March 31st.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles often experience difficulty accessing space at the curb on the south side of the street fronting No. 103 Victor Avenue 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 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Friday through Monday. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street disabled persons’ loading zone could be designated in front of No. 103 Victor Avenue 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 two parking spaces. Outside of the 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday to Monday time period however, the zone could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits. The Toronto Transit Commission does not operate service on Victor Avenue.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9831, dated October 2009

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