



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Thornhill Avenue – Disabled Persons’ Loading Zone

<b>Date:</b>	January 12, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100019-to

#### SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to establish a disabled persons’ loading zone on the west side of Thornhill Avenue, to allow for pick-up/drop-off by Wheel-Trans vehicles for visitors to 16 Baby Point Road (Humbercrest United Church).

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. Designating a loading zone for disabled persons on the west side of Thornhill Avenue, from a point 15.0 metres north of Baby Point Road to a point 11.0 metres further north.

#### Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$600.00

#### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Bill Saundercook’s office, on behalf of Humbercrest United Church at 16 Baby Point Road, to consider a designated disabled persons’ loading zone adjacent to the church to assist passenger pick-up/drop-off by Wheel-Trans vehicles.

A map of the area is Attachment 1. An aerial photograph of the area is Attachment 2.

## **COMMENTS**

Thornhill Avenue, north of Baby Point Road, is a two-way local road with an average pavement width of 7.3 metres. The statutory speed limit on Thornhill Avenue is 50 km/h with sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Parking is currently prohibited anytime, Monday to Saturday, on the east side of Thornhill Avenue, and permitted for a maximum of three hours on the west side. Parking is prohibited anytime on the north side of Baby Point Road, on the same side of the church frontage. There are stop controls on Thornhill Avenue, for northbound and southbound traffic.

Humbercrest United Church is located on the northwest corner of Baby Point Road and Thornhill Avenue. Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty finding a suitable and appropriate location near the church to pick-up/drop-off their passengers. Designating a loading zone for disabled persons on Thornhill Avenue, adjacent the church frontage, will address the difficulties currently being experienced by Wheel-Trans operators.

Loading zones for disabled persons' can be used by any vehicle displaying a valid permit while actively engaged in picking-up/dropping-off a disabled person, but it will not permit a vehicle displaying a disabled parking permit to park at this location.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map  
Attachment 2: Aerial Photo