



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Disabled Persons' Loading Zone - Westmoreland Avenue

Date:	December 14, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
Reference Number:	Ts09219te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to establish an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons fronting No. 90 Westmoreland Avenue. The pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons to operate from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th; and from December 1st to March 31st, during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Westmoreland Avenue. The loading zone will not negatively impact residential parking holders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve installation of an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons operating, from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th; and from December 1st to March 31st, during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Westmoreland Avenue, from a point 74.5 metres south of Shanly Street to a point 7 metres further south.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2010 Interim Operating Budget	\$500.00

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 residing at No. 90 Westmoreland Avenue, who requires Wheel-Trans Service.

COMMENTS:

Westmoreland Avenue is a local roadway operating one-way southbound, from Dupont Street to Bloor Street West. The pavement width is 7.3 metres with traffic calming (speed humps) and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. There is no TTC service on Westmoreland Avenue.

Parking currently alternates bi-monthly on the 1st and 16th days between the east and west sides of the street, during the period from April 1st to November 30th of each year. During the winter months parking is only allowed on the west side of the street. Permit parking currently operates between 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily. Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Wheel-Trans buses frequently have difficulty accessing space at the curb fronting No. 90 Westmoreland Avenue as a result of parked cars, when parking is allowed on the west side of the street. When curb-side access is blocked by a parked vehicle, the bus must “double park” in front of the home, impeding the flow of traffic.

Wheel-Trans Service is required from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th; and from December 1st to March 31st, operating between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, installation of an on-street pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons in front of No. 90 Westmoreland Avenue is recommended. The designated area could also be used during the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. operational period by any vehicle displaying a valid “Disabled/Accessible Parking Permit” while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person. Parking will be maintained outside of that time, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits.

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SIGNATURE

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9849, dated November 2009