



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Disabled Persons' Loading Zone – Euclid Avenue

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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 was requested to establish a disabled parking space fronting No. 428 Euclid Avenue. It was determined through investigation that a pick-up and drop-off zone for disabled persons operating between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., daily is more appropriate to address the needs of the disabled resident. The loading zone will provide curb-side access for a disabled resident at 428 Euclid Avenue during the hours it is required without eliminating an overnight permit parking space.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of a designated on-street loading zone for disabled persons, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Euclid Avenue from a point 136.5 metres north of College Street to a point 5.5 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has been requested by Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone to investigate establishing a disabled persons' parking space at No. 428 Euclid Avenue for use by a resident at this premises.

COMMENTS

Current conditions

Euclid Avenue 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 2,900 vehicles. No. 428 Euclid Avenue is located on the west side of the road, north of College Street. Alternate side parking regulations are in effect on this section of Euclid Avenue. The following regulations operate in conjunction with the alternate side parking regulations:

- No Parking Except By Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- Two-hour maximum parking, at other times.

Permit parking operates on an area basis (Area 4D). There are 485 spaces available and 337 permits have been issued to residents in Area 4D. On the section of Euclid Avenue, between College Street and Ulster Avenue, there are 24-25 spaces available and 57 permits have been issued to residents of the street. There is no TTC service on Euclid Avenue.

Investigation

Transportation Services determined that the requested disabled parking space is only required by the resident at 428 Euclid Avenue for convenient curb-side pick-up/drop-off during the day-time by vehicles transporting the resident. There is no requirement by the resident to park a personal vehicle for extended periods of time. Based on this investigation, it is more prudent to designate an on-street loading zone for a disabled person at this location instead of a parking space. The advantages of installing a disabled loading zone rather than a disabled parking space are as follows:

- The disabled loading zone can be time-restricted to only operate during the hours it is required. Outside of this time period, parking can be allowed and used for overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits. Given the permit parking statistics noted above, there is a significant demand for permit parking on this street and a disabled loading zone will result in less inconvenience for other residents of the street;
- The disabled loading zone needs only to be designated on one side of the road in front of 428 Euclid Avenue. On streets with alternate-side parking, such as Euclid Avenue, disabled parking spaces are generally must be implemented on both sides of the road to coincide with the parking changeover; and

- It is less likely that a disabled persons' loading zone would be used by a motorist other than the resident. An on-street disabled persons' parking is considered a "public" facility that may be used by anyone with a disability/accessibility permit. It cannot be designated for the exclusive use of a single user. Euclid Avenue is a busy area in terms of parking activity. Complaints have been received at College Street and Euclid Avenue regarding the lack of disabled persons' parking in the area for use by persons attending the medical centre on the northeast corner of the intersection. Given the close proximity of a potential parking space in front of 428 Euclid Avenue, the space could be used on a regular basis by persons other than the resident for whom the space is intended, thereby defeating the purpose of the space.

Resolution

The disabled resident at 428 Euclid Avenue generally requires pick-up/drop-off between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, designation of an on-street loading zone for disabled person in front of No. 428 Euclid Avenue, to operate during this time period, is recommended. The area can 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 will eliminate one parking space during its hours of operation but may be used for general parking at other times, including overnight parking until 8:00 a.m. by residents with valid parking permits.

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