



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Passenger Loading Zone and Conversion of
Public Lane to One-way Westbound Operation – 326,
358 King Street West**

Date:	July 13, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services has evaluated a request from Daniels HR Corporation on behalf of the owner of Bell Lightbox, 326, 358 King Street West, to provide loading opportunities for motor coaches and to convert the operation of the public lane, north of King Street west, extending between John Street and Widmer Street to one-way westbound operation.

The designation of an on-street loading zone on the north side of King Street West will provide loading/unloading opportunities for patrons and will not adversely impact traffic or pedestrian operations on this section of King Street West. The conversion of the operation of the public lane to one-way westbound operation will facilitate a “staging area” for motor coaches during major events while they wait for space to become available on King Street West, within the motor coach loading area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit standing at all times on the north side of King Street West from a point 29 metres west of John Street to a point 54 metres further west.
2. City Council authorize the conversion of the public lane, first north of King Street West extending between John Street and Widmer Street to one-way westbound operation.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with installation of the signage, will be the responsibility of the property owner.

In 2004, as a condition of development approval, an arrangement was brokered by then Councillor Olivia Chow to waive the customary compensation for loss of parking revenue in return for the creation of "a fund to facilitate the use of space within the TIFF portion of the building for the purposes of non-profit cultural or institutional uses". The executed Section 37 agreement provides that funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 be provided for this purpose. We have confirmed that those funds have been secured.

All costs associated with the conversion of the public lane to one-way westbound operation will be the responsibility of the property owner.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from Daniels HR Corporation on behalf of the owner of Bell Lightbox, 326, 358 King Street West to determine the feasibility of providing a motor coach loading zone at this premises and to convert the operation of the public lane, north of King Street West, extending between John Street and Widmer Street to one-way westbound operation.

COMMENTS

Road characteristics

King Street West, in the vicinity of 326, 358 King Street West, is a major arterial road operating two-way on a pavement width of 12.4 metres. Stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking is controlled by parking machines during the hours of and is permitted for a maximum period of 3 hours prior to 6:00 p.m. and 6 hours after 6:00 p.m., and is in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sundays. The TTC operates the 504 King Street streetcar on this street.

Analysis

In order to accommodate motor coach loading requirements, Transportation Services evaluated a proposal to designate an on-street motor coach loading zone on the north side of King Street West from a point 29 metres west of John Street to a point 54 metres further west. The loading area will be signed "No Standing Anytime" and will be augmented with "Motor Coach Loading Zone" signage. The current, "No Stopping 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation will remain in effect.

The proposal will result in the loss of approximately 10 "pay and display" parking spaces.

Additionally, and as part of the development agreement, the operation of the public lane, north of King Street West, extending between John Street and Widmer Street is to be converted to one-way westbound operation, to facilitate a motor coach staging area during major events. Motor coaches would be staged in the lane until space becomes available in the King Street West loading zone.

The owner will be responsible for all incurred costs associated with the conversion of the public lane to one-way westbound operation and the designation of a “Motor Coach Loading Zone” which includes installation and maintenance.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No.421G-0090, dated July 2010

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