

Accessible Loading Zone – Carrington Avenue

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| To: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District |
| Wards: | Ward 17 – Davenport |
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an accessible loading zone on the north side of Carrington Avenue, between a point 21.1 metres west of Nairn Avenue and a point 11 metres further west. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., daily, to provide curb side access for Wheel-Trans.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Designate an "Accessible Loading Zone" to operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., daily on the north side of Carrington Avenue, between a point 21.1 metres west of Nairn Avenue and a point 11 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments to the estimated amount of \$400.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, received a request to investigate the feasibility of installing an on-street accessible loading zone on the north side of Carrington Avenue, west of Nairn Avenue to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Carrington Avenue, west of Nairn Avenue, is an 8.5 metres wide road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. Carrington Avenue operates eastbound one-way with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking is subject to the City-wide three hour limit on the north side of Carrington Avenue between Harvie Avenue and Nairn Avenue. Fairbank Memorial School is located at the south side of the street. Stopping is prohibited anytime on the south side of Carrington Avenue between Harvie Avenue and a point 77 metres further east. Parking is prohibited anytime on the south side of Carrington Avenue between a point 77 metres east of Harvie Avenue and Nairn Avenue. A school bus loading zone operates on the south side of Carrington Avenue, between a point 34 metres east of Harvie Avenue and a point 19 metres further east, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, a 10 minute pick-up and drop-off zone operates on the south side of Carrington Avenue, between a point 53 metres east of Harvie Avenue and a point 24 metres east thereof, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. There is no permit parking on Carrington Avenue. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times on Carrington Avenue and there is no TTC service provided.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curb on streets due to the presence of parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by parked vehicles, the Wheel- Trans vehicle must "double park", impeding the flow of traffic.

A resident with accessible requirements on Carrington Avenue uses Wheel-Trans service. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street accessible loading zone can be designated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., daily on the north side of Carrington Avenue, between a point 21.1 metres west of Nairn Avenue and a point 11 metres further west. In addition, the loading zone can be used by motorist displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a person with accessible requirements. The accessible loading zone would eliminate one parking space between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., however, outside of these hours, the zone is subject to the City-wide three hour limit.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map