

Accessible Loading/Parking - Arlington Avenue

Date: October 6, 2016
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 21, St. Paul's

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to rescind the accessible loading zone located on the west side of Arlington Avenue, south of Valewood Avenue, and designate an accessible parking space in its place. The resident, who has accessible requirements, has use of a passenger car and no longer requires regular Wheel-Trans service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the accessible loading zone, operating from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Arlington Avenue between a point 9 metres south of Valewood Avenue and a point 11 metres further south; and
2. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible person parking space on the west side of Arlington Avenue between a point 9 metres south of Valewood Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further south, from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, and anytime, December 1st to March 31st, inclusive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary sign adjustments are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting on June 18, 2013 enacted By-law No. 920-2013 designating an accessible loading zone from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Arlington Avenue between a point 9 metres south of Valewood Avenue and a point 11 metres further south (Item TE25.113).

COMMENTS

Arlington Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Vaughan Road, is a local roadway that operates one-way southbound with a pavement width of 7.2 metres. There is no regularly scheduled TTC service on this section of Arlington Avenue.

The following parking regulations are generally in effect on the above noted section of Arlington Avenue:

East side:

- Parking is prohibited from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, and anytime from December 1st to March 31st, inclusive;
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three-hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m., daily.

West side:

- Parking is prohibited from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive; and
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three-hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m., daily.

An accessible loading zone operating between 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, was installed on the west side of Arlington Avenue, south of Valewood Avenue, on behalf of an area resident who required curb side access for Wheel-Trans service. The resident has now advised Transportation Services that they now access to a vehicle and no longer requires Wheel-Trans pick-up and drop-off. Consequently, the resident is requesting that the existing accessible loading zone be rescinded and an accessible parking space be installed.

Typically, when an accessible parking space is requested on a street where alternate side parking operates, an accessible parking space is designated on both sides of the road. In this instance, the resident has specifically requested that an accessible parking space only be designated on the west side of the street where they reside. During the first half of each month, April through November, when parking is prohibited on the west side of the street, the resident intends to park the vehicle in an available space on the east side of Arlington Avenue or on a nearby side street.

Removing the existing 11-metre long accessible loading zone and installing a 5.5-metre long accessible parking space will result in one additional parking space between 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and the loss of one parking space at other times, when parking is allowed on the west side of Arlington Avenue.

Councillor Joe Mihevc's office has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2268, dated October 2016

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