

Accessible Loading Zone – Broadview Avenue

Date: October 20, 2016
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Broadview Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Broadview Avenue, fronting the Albany Medical Clinic (No. 807 Broadview Avenue). The proposed accessible loading zone will operate at all times except between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays and will provide curb-side access for TTC Wheel-Trans vehicles. This designation will replace an area that was previously signed for entrance protection using advisory signs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate at all times except between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, on the east side of Broadview Avenue, between a point 26 metres north of Erindale Avenue and a point 12 metres further north.
2. City Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of Broadview Avenue, between a point 81 metres north of Danforth Avenue and a point 76.6 metres north of Browning Avenue, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
3. City Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Broadview Avenue, between Erindale Avenue and a point 42 metres north of Chester Hill Road, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Broadview Avenue, between Erindale Avenue and Pretoria Avenue, is a four-lane, minor arterial roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 12.8 metres. It has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and an average daily traffic volume of about 22,000 vehicles. TTC service in this section of Broadview Avenue is provided by the '8 Broadview', '62 Mortimer', '87 Cosburn' and '100A Flemington Park' buses. Heavy trucks are prohibited on Broadview Avenue between the hours of 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day.

The Albany Medical Clinic (No. 807 Broadview Avenue) is located on the east side of Broadview Avenue, north of Erindale Avenue. A curb depression has been provided fronting this address, with tactile walking surface indicators, adjacent to the main entrance to the Albany Clinic.

The following parking regulations have been by-lawed on the east side of this section of Broadview Avenue:

- "No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday";
- "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday";
- "One-hour time limit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily"; and
- three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory)

It is noted that the signage posted in the field indicates that the one-hour time limit parking regulation operates between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The by-lawed operation would conflict with the parking and stopping prohibitions in the morning and afternoon peak periods, respectively.

Formerly, the frontage of the Albany Medical Clinic had 'lollipop' type signs that indicated that parking was prohibited at all times within the depressed curb area. These signs were installed under the City of Toronto's statutory authority. The signs indicating this regulation were removed during the recent re-surfacing of Broadview Avenue in the summer of 2016. The signs have not been re-installed, as they do not meet Provincial standards and are no longer supported by Transportation Services.

The signs' intended use was to facilitate curb-side access to the Albany Medical Clinic, including the TTC's Wheel-Trans vehicles. Formalizing this area as an accessible loading zone would provide access to the Albany Medical Clinic for all accessibility service users, including any vehicle displaying a valid accessible parking permit engaged in pick-up or drop off activity. The space will operate at all times, outside of the weekday afternoon peak period stopping prohibition.

House-keeping Issues

The staff review also detected inconsistencies in the traffic bylaw related to the current signed parking regulations on both sides of Broadview Avenue. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 2 and 3 of this report.

Councillor Mary Fragedakis has been advised of the recommendations of this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2305, dated October 2016

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