

## **Accessible Loading Zone - High Park Avenue**

**Date:** May 2, 2018  
**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council  
**From:** Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District  
**Wards:** Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park

### **SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an accessible loading zone on the west side of High Park Avenue, between a point 157.0 metres north of Glenlake Avenue and a point 11.0 metres further north. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to provide curbside access for Wheel-Trans vehicles.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on High Park Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate from 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of High Park Avenue, between a point 157.0 metres north of Glenlake Avenue and a point 11.0 metres further north.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The financial cost for the necessary signage is approximately \$300.00 and funding is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2018 Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, received a request from a resident through 311 to investigate the feasibility of installing an on-street accessible loading zone on the west side of High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue, is a 12.7 metre wide road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Collector" road. High Park Avenue operates two-way with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Permit parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. In addition, the TTC provides bus service on this section of High Park Avenue.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curbside due to the presence of parked vehicles. When access is blocked, Wheel-Trans operators typically "double park", impeding the flow of traffic.

A resident with accessible requirements on the street uses Wheel-Trans service regularly. To facilitate curbside access on High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The zone could also be used by any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a person with accessible requirements. This new accessible loading zone would not eliminate any legal parking spaces.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Area Map (High Park Avenue - Accessible Loading Zone)

