



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**On-Street Loading Zone for Disabled Persons – 1700
Bloor Street West**

Date:	December 12, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is recommending and requesting City Council’s approval to designate an on-street loading zone for disabled persons in front of No. 1700 Bloor Street West (The Four Villages Community Health Centre).

The loading zone will be 11 metres in length and enable Wheel-Trans buses or other vehicles transporting disabled persons to/from the health centre to legally stop at the curb while picking up or dropping off passengers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Rescind the “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the north side of Bloor Street West, from a point 18.5 metres east of Indian Grove to a point 11 metres further east.
2. Rescind the “No Stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00, p.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays” regulation on the north side of Bloor Street West, from a point 29.5 metres east of Indian Grove to Spadina Avenue.
3. Approve installation of a loading zone for disabled persons on the north side of Bloor Street West, from a point 18.5 metres east of Indian Grove to a point 11 metres further east.

4. Prohibit stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays on the north side of Bloor Street West, from a point 18.5 metres east of Indian Grove to Spadina Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Interim 2009 Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Gord Perks on behalf of The Four Villages Community Health Centre, Transportation Services has investigated designating an on-street loading zone for disabled persons in front of 1700 Bloor Street West.

COMMENTS

Current Conditions

Bloor Street West is a major arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic flow of approximately 27,500 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the Bloor-Danforth “Blue Light” overnight bus service on Bloor Street West. The parking regulations on the north side of Bloor Street West in the vicinity of No. 1700 are as follows:

- “No Stopping, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday”;
- “No Stopping Anytime”, from a point 18.5 metres east of Indian Grove to a point 11 metres further east (front of The Four Villages Health Care Centre);
- “Taxicab Stand” except the 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. period, from a point 29.5 metres east of Indian Grove to a point 7 metres further east;
- Pay-and-display parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays; and
- 3-hour parking at all other times.

Resolution

The current “No Stopping Anytime” regulation in front of No. 1700 Bloor Street West prevents Wheel-Trans buses and other vehicles transporting disabled persons to/from the health care centre from legally stopping at the curb to pick-up or drop-off passengers.

Staff recommends installing a loading zone for disabled persons in front of No. 1700 Bloor Street West to legally allow vehicles transporting disabled persons to stop at the curb while loading/unloading of disabled persons.

It is necessary to rescind the current “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the north side of Bloor Street West, from a point 18.5 metres east of Indian Grove to a point 11 metres further east to establish a the loading zone for disabled persons. However, to enhance westbound traffic operation during the afternoon rush hour period and avoid creating a potential bottle-neck situation, staff recommends retaining the stopping prohibition, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in front of No. 1700 Bloor Street West.

Delineating the loading zone for disabled persons in front of No. 1700 Bloor Street West will not result in the loss of on-street parking spaces.

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