



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Accessible Loading Zone - Symington Avenue

Date:	November 24, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
Reference Number:	Ts10146te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to designate an on-street accessible loading zone fronting No. 116 Symington Avenue.

The accessible loading zone will operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Symington Avenue from a point 51 metres north of Ernest Ave to a point 6 metres further north. The accessible loading zone will provide a convenient loading area for Wheel-Trans buses picking up/dropping off a disabled person at No. 116 Symington Avenue and will not eliminate any overnight permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve installation of an on-street accessible loading zone operating from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Symington Avenue, from a point 51 metres north of Ernest Avenue to a point 6 metres further north.
2. City Council prohibit standing from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the west side of Symington Avenue, from a point 51 metres north of Ernest Avenue to a point 6 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs in the estimated amount of \$500.00 is available within the Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of a resident at No. 116 Symington Avenue, Transportation Services has investigated the feasibility of designating an on-street accessible loading zone in front of No.116 Symington Avenue to assist in transporting a disabled person living at this premises.

COMMENTS:

Symington Avenue is a collector roadway operating two-way with a pavement width of 9.75 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. The TTC's "168-Symington" bus operates on the section of Symington Avenue where premises No. 116 is located.

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the east side of Symington Avenue. On-street parking is allowed on the west side of Symington Avenue for a maximum period of three hours, except between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily when permit parking is in effect.

A resident at No. 116 Symington Avenue is a Wheel-Trans client. Wheel-Trans buses frequently have difficulty accessing curb space in the vicinity of No. 116 Symington Avenue due to parked cars. When curb-side access is blocked by a parked vehicle, the bus must "double park" in front of the home, impeding the flow of traffic.

A resident at No. 116 Symington Avenue requires Wheel-Trans service between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily. To facilitate curb-side access, installation of an on-street accessible loading zone in front of No. 116 Symington Avenue is recommended. The designated area may also be used during the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. operational period by any vehicle displaying a valid "Disabled/Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a disabled person. Parking will be allowed at other times, including overnight by residents with valid residential parking permits.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0161, dated November 2010

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