



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Accessible Loading Zone – No. 270 Wellington Street West

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

This report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending the designation of an accessible loading zone and installation of a curb ramp to facilitate access by persons using wheelchairs/scooters on the north side of Wellington Street West, in front of 270 Wellington Street West. The accessible loading zone will operate at all times and facilitate vehicles picking up/dropping off persons with physical disabilities at this location. Implementation of the accessible loading zone can be accommodated without eliminating any existing legal on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve installation of an on-street accessible loading zone and accessibility curb cut on the north side of Wellington Street West, from a point 70 metres east of Blue Jays Way to a point 11 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation of signs to delineate an on-street accessible loading zone in the estimated amount of \$400.00 is available within Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Operating Budget. Funding for the construction of an accessibility curb cut in the estimated amount of \$1500.00 is available within Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Capital Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of staff in Councillor Adam Vaughan's office, on behalf of a resident at No. 270 Wellington Street West, Transportation Services investigated the possibility of delineating an accessible loading zone for vehicles transporting disabled persons, living at No. 270 Wellington Street West.

COMMENTS

Parking and Road Operation

Wellington Street West, west of Blue Jays Way, operates one-way westbound on a pavement width of 12.8 metres. Standing is prohibited at anytime on the north side of this section of Wellington Street West and stopping is prohibited from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Signs giving effect to the parking regulations are posted and clearly visible. There is no T.T.C service on this section of Wellington Street West.

Investigation

Illegally parked vehicles on the north side of Wellington Street West in front of Premises No. 270 periodically prevent WheelTrans buses and other vehicles transporting disabled persons from pulling up against the curb to load/unload passengers. With no convenient area in which to stop momentarily, drivers must resort to double-parking, which creates a potentially hazardous situation for motorists, passengers, and other road users or must stop some distance away from the entrance to 270 Wellington Street West, creating an inconvenience for the disabled passengers.

Resolution

Designating an on-street accessible loading zone and providing an accessibility curb cut for persons using wheelchairs/scooters on the north side of Wellington Street West, from a point 70 metres east of Blue Jays Way to a point 11 metres further east is recommended. There will be no loss of legal parking spaces on the north side of Wellington Street West since standing is currently prohibited at all times.

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