



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Accessible Loading Zone – No. 55 John Street (Metro Hall)

<b>Date:</b>	November 15, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
<b>Report Number:</b>	Ts10148te.top.doc

#### 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 on east side of John Street in front of Metro Hall (55 John Street). The accessible loading zone will operate at all times and facilitate vehicles picking up/dropping off persons with physical disabilities visiting or working 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, on the east side of John Street, from a point 35.5 metres north of Wellington Street West to a point 11 metres further north.

#### 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.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Staff of Transportation Services has noted difficulties experienced by Wheeltrans buses arriving to pick-up/drop-off disabled persons at Metro Hall and has investigated the need to designate an on-street accessible loading zone fronting No. 55 John Street (Metro Hall), to facilitate pick-up/drop-off of persons with a physical disability.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Parking and Road Operation**

John Street, north of Wellington Street West operates two-way on a pavement width of 13 metres. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the east side of John Street and standing is prohibited from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Monday to Friday and from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from April 1 to November 30. Signs giving effect to the parking regulations are posted and clearly visible. There is no T.T.C service on John Street.

### **Investigation**

A significant number of people with physical disabilities regularly visit Metro Hall to make an application for WheelTrans service or access various municipal services. Vehicles frequently stop or park illegally on the east side of John Street in front of No. 55 John Street, which periodically prevents WheelTrans buses from pulling up against the curb to load/unload disabled persons at an accessibility ramp servicing the building. 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 Metro Hall.

### **Resolution**

Designating an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of John Street from a point 35.5 metres north of Wellington Street West to a point 11 metres further north is recommended. An accessibility curb ramp is located in this area to enhance access to transport vehicles by persons using wheelchairs/scooters. There will be no loss of parking spaces on the east side of John Street since parking/standing is prohibited at all times.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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