Remove On-Street Loading Space for Persons with Disabilities: Laird Drive

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**SUMMARY**

Since the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Laird Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

To obtain approval to remove an On-Street Loading Space for Persons with Disabilities on the west side of Laird Drive adjacent to 116 Laird Drive.

The removal of an On-Street Loading Space for Persons with Disabilities will address the needs of the new owner of 116 Laird Drive, while providing the available on-street parking by one space.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the removal of loading zone for a disabled person, operating from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Laird Drive, from a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue to a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue;

2. Approve the removal of No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, on the west side of Laird Drive between Millwood Road and a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue;
3. Approve the removal of No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays, on the west side of Laird Drive between a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East; and

4. Approve the installation of No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays on the west side of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue and Millwood Road.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the removal of the designated On-Street Loading Space for Persons with Disabilities are included in the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, received a request from the new owner of 116 Laird Drive to investigate the feasibility of removing an On-Street Loading Space for Persons with Disabilities on the west side of Laird Drive adjacent to their property.

COMMENTS

The previous tenants at the property at 116 Laird Drive operated a Custom Orthotic Shoe store at the subject location. The disabled parking space was designated to service their disabled customers. However, the shoe store is no longer in business and the property has new owners. In this regard, the disabled loading space is no longer required.

The existing parking and stopping regulations on the west side of Laird Drive are as follows:

- Parking is prohibited on the west side of Laird Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Millwood Road from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays;
- Stopping is prohibited on the west side of Laird Drive between Millwood Road and a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays; and
- Stopping is prohibited on the west side of Laird Drive between a point 71 metres north of Lea Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays.

The existing location of the on-street designated loading space is on the west side of Laird Drive, located from a point 64 metres north of Lea Avenue and to a point 71 meters north of Lea Avenue. This designated loading space would be adjacent to 116 Laird Drive. The removal of the designated loading space for persons with disabilities will provide an additional parking space for short-term on-street parking and will not have a
negative impact on the flow of traffic on Laird Drive. As such, this Division supports the removal of the designated loading space for persons with disabilities.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation contained in this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Map – Disabled Person Parking Space: Laird Drive