



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### "Commercial Loading Zone" – Balmuto Street

<b>Date:</b>	January 23, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2012056te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

Transportation Services has been requested by the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area to establish a commercial loading zone on the west side of Balmuto Street, south of Bloor Street West. The introduction of the commercial loading zone will provide for the loading/unloading of goods to the local businesses in this area at all times.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the "No Stopping 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday " regulation on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 35 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 77 metres further south.
2. Rescind the "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the west side of Balmuto Street between Bloor Street West and a point 35 metres further south.
3. Rescind the designated on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 35 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 21 metres further south.
4. Rescind the "Parking Meter" regulation from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday for a maximum period of 3 hours at

- a rate of \$2.00 per hour on the west side of Balmuto Street between Bloor Street West and Charles Street West.
5. Rescind the "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 112 metres south of Bloor Street West and Charles Street West.
  6. Rescind the "Timed Limited Parking" from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday for a maximum period of 30 minutes on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 84 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 28 metres further south.
  7. Prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Balmuto Street between Bloor Street West and a point 25.5 metres further south.
  8. Designate a commercial loading zone to operate at all times on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 25.5 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 11.5 metres further south.
  9. Approve accessible parking spaces to operate at all times on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 37 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 20 metres further south.
  10. Approve the operation of parking machines from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$ 2.50 per hour on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 57 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 56 metres further south.
  11. Prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Balmuto Street between a point 113 metres south of Bloor Street West and Charles Street West.

### **Financial Impact**

The funds to implement this change, estimated at \$500.00 are available in the Toronto Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Association, in consultation with Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Transportation Services was requested to adjust the current parking regulation on the west side of Balmuto Street in order to facilitate a "Commercial Loading Zone" to help compensate for the loss of loading/unloading opportunity for local businesses in the area as a result of the Bloor Transformation Project.

### **COMMENTS**

Balmuto Street, from Bloor Street West to Charles Street West, is classified as a collector roadway that operates two-way (northbound and southbound), with a pavement width of 10.6 metres. This street carries a daily traffic volume of approximately 3,000 vehicles,

with a speed limit of 40 km/h. For the most part pay-and-display parking is allowed on the west side of Balmuto Street and is prohibited on the east side of the street. An accessible parking zone is also present on the west side of Balmuto Street, just south of Bloor Street West.

It is possible to establish a “Commercial Loading Zone” on the west side of Balmuto Street, just south of Bloor Street West for approximately two vehicles. This proposal will result in no loss of on-street parking, and will not interfere with the current accessible parking space on this side of the street. It should be noted that a “Commercial Loading Zone” is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise and no one has exclusive rights to the loading zone.

During the course of our investigation it was revealed that certain traffic regulations outlined in the Traffic By-law no longer apply on this street. Accordingly, Recommendations 1, 4 and 6 above are meant to correct these anomalies.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0569, dated January 2012

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