



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Passenger Loading Zones – King Street West in front of Princess of Wales and Royal Alexandra Theatres

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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

Transportation Services is requesting authority to designate passenger loading zones in front of the Princess of Wales and Royal Alexandra Theatres, on the north side of King Street West. This is in order to facilitate efficient pick-up/drop-off activity of theatre patrons. Currently, parking is prohibited in front of the theatres and tour buses often occupy the area while waiting for passengers. The proposed passenger loading zones would rectify this problem because buses and other vehicles would be forced to clear the area, unless they are actively engaged in pick-up/drop-off activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve a passenger loading zone, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday, on the north side of King Street West, between a point 30.5 metres east of John Street and a point 23.5 metres further east.
2. City Council amend the existing standing prohibition on the north side of King Street West, between John Street and a point 41.6 metres east, to be in effect between John Street and a point 54 metres east.
3. City Council approve a passenger loading zone, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday, on the north side of King Street West, between a point 31 metres east of Ed Mirvish Way and a point 51 metres further east.

4. City Council enact a standing prohibition on the north side of King Street West, between a point 31 metres east of Ed Mirvish Way and a point 51 metres further east.
5. City Council rescind the one-hour parking restriction on both sides of King Street West, between Simcoe Street and Spadina Avenue.
6. City Council amend the existing, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, stopping prohibition on the north side of King Street West, between Yonge Street and Charlotte Street, to be in effect from Yonge Street to Spadina Avenue.
7. City Council rescind the 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, parking prohibition on the north side of King Street West, between Spadina Avenue and Simcoe Street.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the installation of signs in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has investigated a request from the Manager of Mirvish Productions to prohibit standing in front of the Princess of Wales and Royal Alexandra Theatres. This is in order to facilitate efficient pick-up/drop-off activity of theatre patrons. Currently parking is prohibited in front of the theatres and tour buses often occupy the area while waiting for passengers. This review was done in consultation with Councillor Adam Vaughan.

COMMENTS

The Princess of Wales Theatre (No. 300 King Street West) and Royal Alexandra Theatre (No. 260 King Street West) are both located on the north side of the road, between John Street and Simcoe Street. This section of King Street West is an east/west, four lane major-arterial road with TTC Streetcar service (503, 504 and 508 routes). Parking is currently prohibited on the north side of King Street West in front of both theatres. On the remainder of the north side of King Street West there is pay-and-display parking. Also, stopping is prohibited during the morning and afternoon peak periods on this section of King Street West and the passenger loading zone would not operate during these time periods.

Observations revealed that the area in front of both theatres is often occupied by tour buses waiting for passengers. This prevents other vehicles, including TTC WheelTrans, from picking-up or dropping-off passengers. The implementation of passenger loading zones where standing is prohibited in these areas would rectify this problem because tour

buses and other vehicles would be forced to clear the area, unless they are actively engaged in pick-up/drop-off activity.

Also, during the review of the above matter it was determined that various by-law schedules for this section of King Street do not reflect the on-street signage. The recommendations within this report will correct this discrepancy.

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