STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Accessible Parking Spaces – Bloor Street West, in the area of Cosmo Road and Elsfield Road

Date: July 30, 2015
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the installation of two accessible parking spaces in existing "Pay and Display" zones on the south side of Bloor Street West in and near the Kingsway Business Improvement Area (BIA). One space is to be located east of Cosmo Road and the other west of Elsfield Road, in the area of the medical offices.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on the subject streets, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATION
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing "Pay-and-Display" parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of $2.25 per hour, on the south side of Bloor Street West between Gardenvale Road and Thompson Avenue.

2. City Council rescind the existing "Pay-and-Display" parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of $2.25 per hour, on the south side of Bloor Street West between a point 68.6 metres west of Prince Edward Drive and Humbervale Boulevard.

3. City Council enact "Pay-and-Display" parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of $2.25 per hour, on the south side of Bloor Street West between Gardenvale Road and Cosmo Road.
4. City Council approve the installation of an on-street accessible parking space on the south side of Bloor Street West between a point a point 15 metres east of Cosmo Road and a point 7 metres further east.

5. City Council enact "Pay-and-Display" parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of $2.25 per hour, on the south side of Bloor Street West between a point 22 metres east of Cosmo Road and Thompson Avenue.

6. City Council enact "Pay-and-Display" parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of $2.25 per hour, on the south side of Bloor Street West between Humbervale Boulevard and a point 17 metres west of Elsfied Road.

7. City Council approve the installation of an on-street accessible parking space on the south side of Bloor Street West between a point 10 metres west of Elsfied Road and a point 7 metres further west.

8. City Council enact "Pay-and-Display" parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of $2.25 per hour, on the south side of Bloor Street West between point Elsfied Road and a point 68.6 metres west of Prince Edward Drive.

Financial Impact
Funds in the amount of $600.00 are available within the Transportation Services Division’s 2015 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services received requests through the office of the area Councillor to have two designated accessible parking spaces installed on the south side of Bloor Street West in the area of Cosmo Road and in the area of Elsfied Road, in front of the medical offices.

The installation of designated on-street accessible parking spaces is a convenience provided for persons with disabilities and/or those who transport them, making it easier for them to find available parking as near as possible to their places of residence or intended destinations and reducing the distances that the disabled persons must walk.

Maps of the area are Attachments 1 and 2.

COMMENTS
Bloor Street West, in the area of Cosmo Road and Elsfied Road, is classified in the City's road system as an "Arterial" road. This section of Bloor Street West is within a commercial area (The Kingsway BIA). On-street parking ("Pay and Display") is located on both sides of Bloor Street West, within parking lay-bys.
Medical offices are located on Bloor Street West, east of Cosmo Road and west of Elsfield Road. On-street "Pay and Display" parking zones are currently located in front of these offices. In consultation with the Toronto Parking Authority (TPA), they do have any concerns if designated accessible parking spaces were installed at these locations.

Based on the support from the area Councillor and the TPA, staff recommends the installation of on-street accessible parking spaces on the south side of Bloor Street West, between 15 metres east of Cosmo Road and a point 7.0 metres further east; and, a point 10 metres west of Elsfield Road and a point 7.0 metres further west.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map – Bloor Street West, east of Cosmo Road
Attachment 2: Map – Bloor Street West, west of Elsfield Road