



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Accessible Loading Zone – Springhurst Avenue

Date:	January 26, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
Reference Number:	Ts2015018te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to establish an accessible loading zone on Springhurst Avenue. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and will provide curb-side access for a resident on this street. This designation will partially affect overnight permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council enact a designated accessible on-street loading zone, operating from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Springhurst Avenue, between a point 40.8 metres west of Cowan Avenue and a point 8.0 metres further west.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$300.00 have been requested in the Transportation Services 2015 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has been requested to investigate establishing an accessible loading zone for a resident on Springhurst Avenue who requires Wheel-Trans service.

COMMENTS

Springhurst Avenue, between Cowan Avenue and Dunn Avenue, is a collector road that operates with two-way traffic. It has a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a speed limit of 30 km/h as traffic calming measures have been installed. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times on Springhurst Avenue and TTC service is provided by the 402 Parkdale community bus. On the north side of this section of Springhurst Avenue, the following parking regulations are generally in effect:

- "One-hour maximum parking, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daily";
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily"; and
- three-hour maximum parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

On the section of Springhurst Avenue, between Cowan Avenue and Dunn Avenue, there are 12 permit parking spaces available and 11 permits have been issued.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curb on Springhurst Avenue due to the presence of parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by parked vehicles, the Wheel-Trans vehicle may "double park", impeding the flow of traffic, or have to park far from the resident.

The resident generally requires Wheel-Trans service between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated on Springhurst Avenue during that time period.

The accessible loading zone can also be used by any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in picking-up or dropping-off a person with accessible requirements. The accessible loading zone would eliminate at least one parking space. However, outside of the 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday time period, the loading zone could be used for parking, including overnight parking by residents with valid parking permits.

Councillor Gord Perks' office has been advised of this proposal.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1660, dated January 2015

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