

## **Accessible Loading Zone – Trowell Avenue**

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<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 12 – York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc160058-to

### **SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter for which Etobicoke York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an accessible loading zone on the south side of Trowell Avenue, between a point 53 metres west of Silverthorn Avenue and a point 11 metres further west. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily, to provide curb side access for Wheel-Trans.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:**

1. Designate an "Accessible Loading Zone" to operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the south side of Trowell Avenue, between a point 53 metres west of Silverthorn Avenue and a point 11 metres further west.

### **Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments to the estimated amount of \$400.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2016 Operating Budget.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, received a request through 311 to investigate the feasibility of installing an on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of Trowell Avenue, west of Silverthorn Avenue, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

## **COMMENTS**

Trowell Avenue, west of Silverthorn Avenue, is a 7.3 metres wide road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. Trowell Avenue operates two-way with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking is subject to the City-wide three hour limit on the south side of Trowell Avenue, and is prohibited at anytime on the north side between Silverthorn Avenue and Scott Road. There is no permit parking on this section of Trowell Avenue. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times on Trowell Avenue and there is no TTC service provided.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curb on streets due to the presence of parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by parked vehicles, the Wheel- Trans vehicle must "double park", impeding the flow of traffic.

A resident with accessible requirements on the street will need Wheel-Trans service for dialysis treatments three times per week. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily.

The zone could 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 two parking spaces between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., however, outside of these hours, the zone is subject to the City-wide three hour limit.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: Map