



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Accessible Loading Zone – Dundas Street East

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Dundas Street East, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement an accessible loading zone on the north side of Dundas Street East, west of Sumach Street, fronting the Regent Park Aquatic Centre. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curb side access for Wheel-Trans and will result in the loss of about three on-street parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council approve the implementation of an accessible loading zone to operate at all times on the north side of Dundas Street East, from a point 30.5 metres west of Sumach Street to a point 18 metres further west.
2. City Council amend the "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on both sides of Dundas Street East, between Parliament Street and River Street, to operate on the south side of Dundas Street East, between Parliament Street and River Street, and on the north side of Dundas Street East, between Parliament Street and Regent Street.
3. City Council enact a "No Parking, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the north side of Dundas Street East, between Regent Street and River Street.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested to investigate an on-street accessible loading zone on the north side of Dundas Street East, west of Sumach Street, fronting the Regent Park Aquatic Centre, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans.

COMMENTS

Dundas Street East, between Parliament Street and River Street, is a major arterial roadway that operates on a pavement width of 14.2 metres and has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. The Regent Park Aquatic Centre (No. 640 Dundas Street East) is located on the north side of Dundas Street East, west of Sumach Street. TTC service on Dundas Street East is provided by the '505 Dundas' street car that operates in the median lanes on a shared right-of-way with general traffic.

The following parking regulation are currently posted on the north side of Dundas Street East, fronting the Regent Park Aquatic Centre:

- "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday";
- "No Parking, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday"; and
- three-hour time limit parking at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

Transportation Services has been advised by representatives of the Regent Park Aquatic Centre, that Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty accessing the curb fronting their facility due to the presence of parked vehicles. As the facility is fully accessible and there are a large number of attendees to the centre that require Wheel Trans transfers, passenger loading/unloading activities are frequently difficult for the Wheel Trans driver and their passengers due to the parked vehicles. When curb-side access is blocked by parked vehicles, the Wheel-Trans vehicle must "double-park", which not only makes pick-up/drop-off activities less safe and efficient, it also impedes the flow of traffic.

To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street Accessible Loading Zone should be designated in front of No. 640 Dundas Street East, from a point approximately 30.5 metres west of Sumach Street, to a point 18 metres further west. 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 disabled person. The installation of this zone will result in the loss of about three on-street parking spaces on the north side of Dundas Street East.

House-keeping Issues

The staff review also detected inconsistencies in the traffic bylaw related to the current signed parking regulations on the north side of Dundas Street East. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 2 and 3 of this report.

Councillor Pam McConnell has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2047, dated January 2016

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