Accessible Loading Zone – Beatrice Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District

Wards: Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to extend an existing accessible loading zone on Beatrice Street, north of Dundas Street West. The additional length is required for Wheel-Trans vehicles to pull into the designated space to pick-up or drop-off a person with accessible requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Amend the "Accessible Loading Zone", operating daily on the east side of Beatrice Street, between a point 57.6 metres north of Dundas Street West and a point 8.3 metres further north, to operate between a point 57.6 metres north of Dundas Street West and a point 11 metres further north.
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 have been requested to investigate the extension of an existing accessible loading zone on Beatrice Street, north of Dundas Street West.

COMMENTS
Beatrice Street, between Dundas Street West and College Street, is a local road that generally operates one-way in the northbound direction. It has a pavement width of about 7.3 metres and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Heavy trucks are prohibited on Beatrice Street and there is no TTC service provided.

Alternate-side parking regulations are in effect on Beatrice Street, between Dundas Street West and College Street. The following regulations operate in conjunction with the alternate-side parking in effect on this road:

- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily"; and
- three-hour maximum parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

An accessible loading zone was previously installed in 2009 on the east side of Beatrice Street, north of Dundas Street West (Item TE26.48). Transportation Services has been advised that a resident still requires Wheel-Trans pick-up and drop-off. However, it was indicated that the current 8.3 metre length of the loading zone may not be sufficient to allow for Wheel-Trans vehicles to pull into the designated space when vehicles are parked adjacent to the loading zone. Accordingly, it was requested that the space be extended to properly accommodate the Wheel-Trans vehicle.

The length of the existing accessible loading zone is generally less than what is provided in the City of Toronto. Based on field investigations, there do not appear to be any potential impacts from the request to extend the length of the accessible loading zone. Therefore, Transportation Services' recommends amending the loading zone to extend it by 2.7 metres to the north. The accessible loading zone can 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.
Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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