Accessible Loading Zone – Ruskin Avenue

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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 establish an accessible loading zone on the north side of Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to provide curbside access for a resident on this street. This designation will not eliminate any on-street overnight permit parking spaces.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Designate an accessible loading zone to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Ruskin Avenue, between a point 36.8 metres west of Franklin Avenue and a point 11 metres further west.

**Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the necessary signage adjustments are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by Councillor Ana Bailão to investigate the establishment of an accessible loading zone on Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue, for use by a resident on this street.

COMMENTS
Ruskin Avenue, between Perth Avenue and Edwin Avenue, is a local road that operates with two-way traffic with a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. It has a posted speed limit of about 40 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Ruskin Avenue.

Currently, the following parking regulations are in effect on Ruskin Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Edwin Avenue:

North Side:
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily";
- "One-hour time limit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

South Side:
- "No Parking, Except by Permit, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily";
- "One-hour time limit parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday"; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

The resident generally requires loading service between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated on Ruskin 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 two parking spaces during the weekday, daytime periods. However, outside of the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 Ana Bailão has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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