Accessible Loading Zone – Argyle Street

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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 install an accessible loading zone on Argyle Street, west of Ossington Avenue. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and provide curb side access for Wheel-Trans. This designation will not eliminate any overnight permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve an on-street accessible loading zone, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Argyle Street, between a point 59.1 metres west of Ossington Avenue and a point 8.0 metres further west.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, have been requested to investigate an accessible loading zone on the south side of Argyle Street, west of Ossington Avenue, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans.

COMMENTS
Argyle Street, between Ossington Avenue and Dovercourt Road, is a local roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. It operates one-way in the eastbound direction for motorists and has a westbound contra-flow bike lane on the north side of the road. Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Argyle Street.

On this section of Argyle Street, the following parking regulations are generally in effect:

North Side:
- "No Stopping, Anytime".

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

This section of Argyle Street belongs to permit parking area 3K. This area has 884 spaces and 879 permits have been issued. More specifically, Argyle Street, between Ossington Avenue and Dovercourt Road, has 31 spaces and 23 permits have been issued. The proposed designation will not eliminate any overnight permit parking spaces.

A resident with accessible requirements on the street requires Wheel-Trans service between the hours of 8:00 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 Argyle Street 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 one to two parking spaces during the weekday, daytime periods. However, outside of the 8:00 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 Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2145, dated May 2016