



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Accessible Loading Zone – Danforth Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	July 28, 2016
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches – East York, Ward 31
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2016142te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an accessible loading zone on the north side of Danforth Avenue, east of Dawes Road, fronting Community Link House (No. 2802 Danforth Avenue). The loading zone will operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily, to provide curb-side access for TTC Wheel-Trans vehicles. This designation will result in the loss of two pay-and-display parking spaces and associated revenue.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council approve an accessible loading zone on the north side of Danforth Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, between a point 46 metres east of Dawes Road and a point 11.5 metres further east.
2. City Council amend the existing pay-and-display parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, for a maximum period of 3 hours, at a rate of \$1.50 per hour, on the north side of Danforth Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue, to operate between a point 57.5 metres east of Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue.

## **Financial Impact**

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

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, was requested by the Neighbourhood Link Association to investigate establishing an on-street accessible loading zone fronting Community Link House, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans vehicles.

## **COMMENTS**

Danforth Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue, is a four-lane, major arterial road that operates with two-way traffic. Community Link House (No. 2802 Danforth Avenue) is located on the north side of the road, east of Dawes Road, and provides housing for seniors. Danforth Avenue has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of about 34,000 vehicles. Transit service on this section of Danforth Avenue is provided by the '20 Cliffside' and '113 Danforth' buses as well as the '300 Bloor-Danforth' night service bus and there are a near-side stops provided at Dawes Road.

The following parking regulations are generally in effect on the north side of this section of Danforth Avenue:

- Stopping is prohibited, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday;
- Standing is prohibited, anytime, between Dawes Road and a point 46 metres further east;
- Pay-and-display parking operates from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday; and
- Three-hour time limit parking is in effect at all other times where permitted (unsigned, statutory).

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles are frequently unable to access space at curbside near the front entrance to Community Link House due to the presence of parked vehicles. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated on Danforth Avenue, between a point 46 metres east of Dawes Road and a point 11.5 metres further east, operating from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily.

In addition to Wheel-Trans vehicles, 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. The accessible loading zone will eliminate two parking spaces between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., daily. However, outside of this time period and the weekday morning peak period, vehicles can park for a maximum period of three-hours.

Councillor Janet Davis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2189, dated July 2016

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