Accessible Loading Zone - High Park Avenue

Date: May 2, 2018
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 13 – Parkdale-High Park

SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval to install an accessible loading zone on the west side of High Park Avenue, between a point 157.0 metres north of Glenlake Avenue and a point 11.0 metres further north. The loading zone will operate between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to provide curbside access for Wheel-Trans vehicles.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on High Park Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate from 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of High Park Avenue, between a point 157.0 metres north of Glenlake Avenue and a point 11.0 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost for the necessary signage is approximately $300.00 and funding is available in the Transportation Services Division’s 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.
Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, received a request from a resident through 311 to investigate the feasibility of installing an on-street accessible loading zone on the west side of High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue, to facilitate pick-up/drop-off activities by Wheel-Trans. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue, is a 12.7 metre wide road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Collector" road. High Park Avenue operates two-way with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Permit parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. In addition, the TTC provides bus service on this section of High Park Avenue.

Transportation Services has been advised that Wheel-Trans vehicles experience difficulty accessing space at the curbside due to the presence of parked vehicles. When access is blocked, Wheel-Trans operators typically "double park", impeding the flow of traffic.

A resident with accessible requirements on the street uses Wheel-Trans service regularly. To facilitate curbside access on High Park Avenue, north of Glenlake Avenue, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. 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 person with accessible requirements. This new accessible loading zone would not eliminate any legal parking spaces.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Area Map (High Park Avenue - Accessible Loading Zone)