

Commercial Loading Zone - McGill Street

Date: January 16, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 27, Toronto Centre - Rosedale

SUMMARY

This staff report is 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 a commercial loading zone on the south side of McGill Street fronting the westerly property limit of Ryerson University's redevelopment at 44 Gerrard Street East and 55 McGill Street.

The proposed commercial loading zone will address the applicant's concerns, as there is no on-site loading space facility on the University property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to operate at all times on the south side of McGill Street, between a point 93.5 metres west of Church Street and a point 7.3 metres further west.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the south side of McGill Street, between Church Street and Sheard Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial implication to this report. The estimated amount of \$711.90, plus the annual fee of \$384.79 for the installation of the commercial loading zone and necessary signage adjustments will be borne by Ryerson University.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, on behalf of Ryerson University, is requesting approval to implement a commercial loading zone on the south side of McGill Street, in association with the University's proposed Centre for Urban Innovation Building at 44 Gerrard Street East and 55 McGill Street.

McGill Street, between Church Street and Sheard Street, is a local road that operates one-way eastbound. It has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h and a pavement width of about 7.5 metres. There is no TTC service provided on this road.

Ryerson University's Centre for Urban Innovation Building is located at 44 Gerrard Street East and 55 McGill Street and fronts onto both roadways.

Currently, the parking regulations on the south side of McGill Street, between Sheard Street and Church Street, are as follows:

- Pay and display parking operates between Church Street to a point 53.5 metres west, and from a point 60.5 metres west of Church Street to Sheard Street, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday;
- Stopping is prohibited at all times, between a point 53.5 metres west of Church Street and a point 7 metres further west;
- Overnight permit parking, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; and
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours (statutory) at all other times.

As per Site Plan Application Agreement No. 16 203845 STE 27 SA, a commercial loading zone is proposed approximately in line with the western site boundary and will be about 7.3 metres in length, as generally shown on attached Drawing No. 421G-2833, dated January 2018. As part of the reconstruction of the sidewalk on McGill Street, all existing curb cuts along the south side of McGill Street fronting the site will be removed. By placing the loading zone at this location, the three existing on-street parking spaces will be shifted to the east. This enables the commercial loading zone to be implemented without the loss of any on-street parking spaces.

It should be noted that a commercial loading zone is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise, and no one has exclusive rights to the loading zone.

Housekeeping Issue

During the course of our review it was also noted that there are discrepancies between the posted signs and parking regulations by-law. These discrepancies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 2 of this report.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendation in this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2833, dated January 2018.

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