

Accessible Parking Space – Niagara Street

Date: January 15, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina

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 amend an accessible loading zone on Niagara Street, in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, to operate as an accessible parking space. This designation will remove two overnight permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the accessible loading zone, operating from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Niagara Street, from a point 32 metres south of Wellington Street West to a point 11 metres further south, to an accessible parking space at all times.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

City of Toronto Council adopted Toronto Community Council Report 14, Clause 9, at its meeting on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999 to designate an accessible loading zone, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Niagara Street from a point 32 metres south of Wellington Street West, to a point 11 metres further south. This installation accommodated school bus pick-up and drop off for a resident with a disability who lives at this location.

City of Toronto Council adopted the clause embodied in Toronto Community Council Report No. 4, at its meeting on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001 to adjust the times of the existing accessible loading zone, which was operating from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to operate from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. These times better suited the needs of the resident.

COMMENTS

Niagara Street, between Wellington Street West and Tecumseth Street, is a collector 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 southbound direction. There is no TTC service provided on Niagara Street.

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

East Side

- No parking, anytime.

West Side

- No parking, except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily;
- One-hour maximum parking, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- Three-hour maximum parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

This section of Niagara Street belongs to permit parking area 4I. This area has 843 spaces and 495 permits have been issued. More specifically, Niagara Street, between Wellington Street West and Tecumseth Street, has 17 spaces and 8 permits have been issued. The proposed designation will eliminate two overnight permit parking spaces.

Transportation Services has been advised that the resident still requires Wheel-Trans pick-up and drop-off. However, the resident has subsequently indicated that they also require an accessible parking space. Therefore, the resident is requesting that the existing accessible loading zone be changed to an accessible parking space.

By changing the accessible loading zone to an accessible parking space, the space must operate at all times that the permitted parking is in effect, resulting in the loss of two overnight permit parking spaces. This accessible parking space will maintain the 11-metre length, as Wheel-Trans pick-up and drop-off service is still required by the resident and it can still be accommodated in the accessible parking space.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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