

Accessible Loading Zone - McCaul Street

Date: March 26, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement an accessible loading zone on the west side of McCaul Street, south of Stephanie Street, fronting the Ontario March of Dimes. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curb side access for Wheel-Trans and will result in the loss of about one permit parking and pay-and-display parking space.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$4.00 per hour on the west side of McCaul Street, between Stephanie Street and a point 20 metres south.
2. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate all times on the west side of McCaul Street, between a point 9 metres south of Stephanie Street and a point 11 metres further south.
3. City Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of McCaul Street, between Renfrew Place and College Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

McCaul Street, between Stephanie Street and Renfrew Place, is a collector roadway that operates two-way (northbound and southbound) on a pavement width of about 11 metres. It has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Transit service is provided on McCaul Street by the "502 Downtowner" streetcar.

The following parking regulations are in effect on McCaul Street, between Stephanie Street and Renfrew Place:

West Side

- Pay-and-display parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday;
- No parking anytime, except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

East Side

- No standing, anytime;
- Pay-and-display parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday;
- No parking, anytime, except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Transportation Services has been advised by a representative of the Ontario March of Dimes, that Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty accessing the curb fronting their facility due to the presence of parked vehicles. To facilitate curb-side access, an on-street accessible loading zone could be designated on the west side of McCaul Street, between a point 9 metres south of Stephanie Street and a point 11 metres further south, operating at all times.

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 about one permit parking and pay-and-display parking space.

Transportation Services has consulted with Toronto Parking Authority and Permit Parking regarding the installation of an accessible loading zone on McCaul Street.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected inconsistencies in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking and traffic regulations along this corridor. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation No. 3 of this report.

Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2927, dated April 2018

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