

**REPORT FOR ACTION****Removal of Accessible Loading Zone - Hedge End Road**

Date: August 15, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 25 - Scarborough-Rouge Park

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to remove an accessible loading zone on Hedge End Road, between a point 74 metres north of Sheppard Avenue East and a point 15 metres further north-east. The accessible permit holder who the loading zone was intended for is no longer at this address and the space is no longer required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council rescind the existing accessible loading zone that operates at all times on the south and east side of Hedge End Road, between a point 74 metres north of Sheppard Avenue East and a point 15 metres further north-east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds associated with the removal of the accessible loading zone signs are available in the Transportation Services Division's 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

Scarborough Community Council, at its meeting on April 8th, 2008, adopted item SC14.33, which recommended the installation of the accessible loading zone on Hedge End Road, north of Sheppard Avenue East and west of Meadowvale Road. The council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2008.SC14.33>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff was asked by the original requester to remove the accessible loading zone on Hedge End Road as it is no longer required.

Existing Conditions:

The following characteristics describe this section of Hedge End Road located north of Sheppard Avenue East and west of Meadowvale Road:

- Hedge End Road is a two-way, two lane local road with 8.25 metres pavement width, and regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h.
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission bus services on Hedge End Road.
- Municipal sidewalk separated by a grass boulevard is provided on both sides of Hedge End Road.
- The surrounding land use mostly consists of single family townhouses and there are parks located to the north and to the east.
- Currently parking is prohibited at all times on the north and west side of Hedge End Road, between Sheppard Avenue East and Meadowvale Road.
- On the south and east side of the road, parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours; with the exception of 15 metre long accessible loading zone located 74 metres north from Sheppard Avenue East parking is available by permit only.

The installation of accessible parking spaces is a convenience provided to individuals with disabilities, in order to accommodate them with parking closer to their residences.

The applicant who originally requested the accessible parking zone on Hedge End Road to facilitate Wheel Trans pick-up and drop-off has indicated that it is no longer required.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Location Plan (Removal of Accessible Loading Zone - Hedge End Road)

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