

Accessible Loading Zone - Elm Street

Date: December 7, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 11, University-Rosedale

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 implement an accessible loading zone on the south side of Elm Street, west of Murray Street, fronting the Charles Hastings Co-op Housing. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curb side access for Wheel-Trans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between St. Patrick Street and a point opposite the west limit of Murray Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between St. Patrick Street and a point 16.5 metres east.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate all times on the south side of Elm Street, between a point 16.5 metres east of St. Patrick Street and a point 11 metres further east.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between a point opposite the west curb line of Murray Street and University Avenue, to be in effect from a point 27.5 metres east of St. Patrick Street and University Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Elm Street, between St. Patrick Street and Murray Street, is a collector roadway that operates two-way (eastbound and westbound) on a pavement width of about 9.5 metres. It has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. There is no TTC service provided on Elm Street.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Elm Street, between St. Patrick Street and Murray Street:

South Side

- No parking, anytime; and
- No standing, anytime.

North 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.

Transportation Services has been advised by a representative of the Charles Hastings Co-op Housing, 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 that would operate at all times could be designated fronting the Charles Hastings Co-op Housing building located on the south side of Elm Street, just east of St. Patrick Street.

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.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3204, dated November 2018

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