

Accessible Loading Zone - Binswood Avenue

Date: January 9, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 19, Beaches - East York

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 adjacent to No. 42 Barker Avenue, located on the west side of Binswood Avenue. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for Wheel-Trans and accessible permit holders, and will not result in the loss of any permit parking spaces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate at all times on the west side of Binswood Avenue, between a point 15 metres north of Barker Avenue and a point 11 metres further north.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Binswood Avenue, between Barker Avenue and Holborne Avenue, to be in effect from a point 26 metres north of Barker Avenue and Holborne 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

Transportation Services, on behalf of a local resident, was requested to investigate the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone on the west side of Binswood Avenue, between Barker Avenue and Holborne Avenue.

Binswood Avenue, between Barker Avenue and Holborne Avenue, is a two-way north/south local roadway that operates on a pavement width of about 8.4 metres. The posted speed limit is 30 km/h, and no transit service is provided on Binswood Avenue.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Binswood Avenue, between Barker Avenue and Holborne Avenue:

East Side

- No parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at other times.

West Side

- No parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at other times.

An area resident has experienced difficulty receiving pick-up/drop-off service from Wheel-Trans due to parked vehicles adjacent to her property's walkway. When curbside access is blocked by a parked vehicle, a Transit vehicle double parks and impedes the flow of traffic on Binswood Avenue.

To facilitate curbside access, an on-street accessible loading zone can be designated on the west side of Binswood Avenue, between a point 15 metres north of Barker Avenue and a point 11 metres further north, that operates 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 the pick-up or drop-off of a person with accessibility requirements.

The proposed accessible loading zone will not result in the loss of permit parking spaces.

Councillor Brad Bradford has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3269, dated January 2019

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