

Commercial Loading Zone - Charles Street West

Date: February 22, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre
Ward 11, University - Rosedale

SUMMARY

This staff report is a matter that Community Council has designated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City Policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services, on behalf of Loblaw Companies Ltd., is requesting approval to establish a commercial loading zone fronting the Shoppers Drug Mart store, on the south side of Charles Street West, west of Yonge Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to operate from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on the south side of Charles Street West, between a point 17 metres west of Yonge Street and a point 15 metres further west.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing heavy vehicle prohibition in effect at all times on Charles Street West, between Yonge Street and Queens Park.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial implications to this report. The estimated one time installation fee of \$105.61, plus the annual fee of \$396.07 for the commercial loading zone and necessary signage adjustment fee of \$678 will be borne by the owner, Loblaw Companies Ltd. / Shoppers Drug Mart.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, has been requested by BA Consulting Group Ltd., on behalf of Loblaw Companies Ltd./Shoppers Drug Mart, to install a commercial loading zone fronting the Shoppers store at No. 720-728 Yonge Street, on the south side of Charles Street West, west of Yonge Street.

Charles Street West, between Yonge Street and St. Nicholas Street, is a one-way westbound collector roadway with three travel lanes at Yonge Street and two lanes at St. Nicholas Street. It has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h, a pavement width of about 9.5 metres, sidewalks on both sides and a daily traffic volume of about 6,500 vehicles.

Heavy vehicles are prohibited on Charles Street West, between Yonge Street and Queens Park. There is no TTC service provided on Charles Street West.

The existing parking regulations on Charles Street West, between Yonge Street and St. Nicholas Street, are as follows:

North Side

- Maximum one-hour parking, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday;
- No parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and
- Maximum three-hour parking at all other times (statutory).

South Side

- No parking any time.

The proposed commercial loading zone will provide space for large vehicles to load and unload to the Shoppers Drug Mart store, as well as other area loading activities that currently occur on Yonge Street. A no parking anytime prohibition will remain at all other times, and the existing heavy vehicle prohibition on Charles Street West will also have to be removed to accommodate the proposed commercial loading zone.

It should be noted that a commercial loading zone is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise, and no one has exclusive rights to the loading zone.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and Councillor Mike Layton have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3331, dated February 2019.

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