

Accessible Loading Zone - Jennings Avenue

Date: April 2, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 4, Parkdale - High Park

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 a designated on-street accessible loading zone, in front of the main entrance to Annette Street Public School, located on the north side of Jennings Avenue. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for pick-up and drop-off of students with accessible permits. This proposal 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 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Jennings Avenue, between a point 65 metres west of Clendenan Avenue and a point 9.6 metres further west.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Jennings Avenue, between a point 65 metres west of Clendenan Avenue and a point 9.6 metres further west.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum 10-minute parking in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Jennings Avenue, between a point 65 metres west of Clendenan Avenue and a point 9.6 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has been requested to investigate the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone at the front entrance of Annette Street Public School (No. 265 Annette Street) by the principal of the school.

Jennings Avenue is a two-lane, local roadway with a speed limit of 30 km/h and a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. Annette Street Public School is located at the southwest corner of Annette Street and Clendenan Avenue. The main entrance of the school is located on Jennings Avenue, just west of Clendenan Avenue. There is no TTC service provided on Jennings Avenue. Student drop-off and pick-up spaces are provided on the north side of Jennings Avenue. The following parking regulations are in effect on Jennings Avenue:

North Side

- No parking, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between a point 9 metres west of Clendenan Avenue and a point 73 metres further west;
- Maximum 10-minute parking, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between a point 9 metres west of Clendenan Avenue and a point 73 metres further west; and
- Permit parking, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, between Clendenan Avenue and west end of Jennings Avenue.

South Side

- No parking, anytime, between Clendenan Avenue and the west end of Jennings Avenue

Students with accessibility requirements are having a difficult time finding drop-off/pick-up space near the main school entrance. This results in long walk for some of those students. An on-street accessible loading zone can be designated on the north side of Jennings Avenue, between a point 65 metres west of Clendenan Avenue and a point 9.6 metres further west, to operate from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays.

The proposed accessible loading zone would be located in front of the main entrance to the school. This proposal does not affect permit parking spaces, but it will result in the loss of one to two spaces in the pick-up/drop-off area. The school principal supports this proposal. This accessible loading zone can be used by any vehicles displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in the pick-up or drop-off of a person with accessibility requirements.

Councillor Gord Perks has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3361, dated April 2019

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