

Accessible Loading Zone - Melita Crescent

Date: August 27, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's

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 recommending that an on-street accessible loading zone be designated on Melita Crescent. The establishment of this accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curb side access to TTC Wheel-Trans service for residents of the TCHC building located at 470 Melita Crescent.

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 Melita Crescent, between a point 44 metres south of Wychcrest Avenue and a point 11 metres further south.

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

Councillor Josh Matlow, on behalf of local residents of the TCHC building located at 470 Melita Crescent, requested staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone on the west side of Melita Crescent, as Wheel-Trans drivers have had difficulties boarding and discharging passengers at this location due to parked vehicles.

Melita Crescent, south of Wychcrest Avenue, is an 8.6 metre wide local road which operates two-way north-south with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. The daily average two-way traffic volume is about 440 vehicles. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Melita Crescent, south of Wychcrest Avenue:

West and South Side

- Parking is prohibited at all times, except Thursday, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, inclusive; and
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., each Thursday, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, inclusive.

East and North Side

- Parking is prohibited each Thursday, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, inclusive;
- Parking is prohibited at all times between a point 43 metres south of Wychcrest Avenue (west intersection) and a point 18 metres south and east; and
- Parking by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except each Thursday, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30, inclusive.

There is no TTC service provided on this segment of Melita Crescent.

An 11 metre accessible loading zone can be installed on the west side of Melita Crescent, south of the front entrance for 470 Melita Crescent. To minimize impact to two-way traffic operations, the loading zone will be required to be installed south of the existing light standard located 40.5 metre south of Wychcrest Avenue. Because on-street parking is provided on the east side of Melita Crescent, a buffer area is needed to provide enough road width to vehicles passing stopped TTC Wheel-Trans vehicles and opposing traffic. As a result of this, the loading zone will not line up with the existing curb cut/ramp.

The installation of a loading zone will result in the loss of two parking spaces on the west side of Melita Crescent. Melita Crescent, south of Wychcrest Avenue, has 12 spaces and 3 permits issued. The block belongs to permit parking area 5C which has 1,435 spaces and 940 permits issued.

Councillor Josh Matlow has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3490, dated August 2019

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