

Commercial Loading Zone - Elm Street

Date: August 26, 2019
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 recommending that a commercial loading zone be designated on the south side of Elm Street to help facilitate curb-side commercial loading/ unloading of goods at the local business located at 45 Elm Street. The proposed commercial loading zone will operate at all times.

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 Yonge Street and Bay Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between Bay Street and a point 56.4 metres east.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the south side of Elm Street, between Yonge Street and Bay Street.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between Bay Street and a point 32 metres east.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to operate at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between a point 32 metres east of Bay Street and a point 11.5 metres further east.

6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Elm Street, between a point 43.5 metres east of Bay Street and a point 6 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The applicant at 45 Elm Street is responsible for the estimated one-time installation fee of \$211.22, plus the annual fee of \$396.07 associated with the commercial loading zone. Funding for all other necessary signage adjustments is included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the business owner of 45 Elm Street to install a commercial loading zone on the south side of Elm Street, east of Bay Street, to provide loading/unloading opportunity in this area.

Elm Street, between Bay Street and Yonge Street, is a collector roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 11 metres and has a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. A sidewalk is provided on both sides of this section of Elm Street. There is no scheduled TTC service on Elm Street.

The signed parking regulations on Elm Street, between Bay Street and Yonge Street are generally as follows:

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., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$5.00 per hour from Bay Street to Yonge Street.

South Side

- No parking anytime from Bay Street to a point 56.4 metres east.
- 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., Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$5.00 per hour from Bay Street to Yonge Street.

The proposed commercial loading zone will operate at all times and provide space for large vehicles to load and unload at the business located at 45 Elm Street, as well as other area loading activities that currently occur in the vicinity. A commercial loading zone at this location will not result in the loss of any on-street parking spaces.

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.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected various inconsistencies in the traffic and parking by-law related to the current signed parking regulations along this corridor. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 1 and 3 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3488, dated August 2019

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