

Accessible Loading Zone - Woodmount Avenue

Date: October 15, 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 recommending designation of an on-street accessible loading zone on Woodmount Avenue. The establishment of an accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access to TTC Wheel-Trans service for a local resident.

RECOMMENDATION

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 Woodmount Avenue, between a point 12 metres north of Sammon Avenue and a point 6.5 metres further north.

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

In response to an inquiry received from an accessible parking permit holder, through Councillor Brad Bradford's office, Traffic Operations investigated the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone on the west side of Woodmount Avenue, as Wheel-Trans drivers have had difficulties boarding and discharging passengers at this location due to vehicular impediments.

Woodmount Avenue is a local roadway that operates two-way north/south traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The daily average two-way traffic volume is about 1,000 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h. Within the subject segment, heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. There is no TTC service provided on Woodmount Avenue.

Currently, the following parking regulations are signed within the subject segment of Woodmount Avenue:

East Side

- No parking anytime during the months of May, July, September and November, between Sammon Avenue and Springdale Avenue.

West Side

- No parking anytime during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December, between Sammon Avenue and Springdale Avenue.

The accessible parking permit holder reported experiencing difficulties boarding and disembarking from the TTC Wheel-Trans vehicle because of parked vehicles. This sometimes results in the resident having to walk on the travelled portion of the roadway to enter the transit vehicle. In order to ensure that passenger loading activity is conducted safely, a designated accessible loading zone was requested.

An accessible loading zone is recommended on the west side of Woodmount Avenue, between Sammon Avenue and Springdale Avenue. This 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 and will result in the loss of one on-street parking space.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3560, dated October 2019

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LEGEND:

 **PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE LOADING ZONE**

NOTE:

1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.
2. INFORMATION ON THIS PLAN IS BASED ON OFFICE RECORDS AND IS SUBJECT TO FIELD VERIFICATION.

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