

## **Designation of Taxicab Stand - Dufferin Street, north of Sheppard Avenue West**

**Date:** April 22, 2020  
**To:** North York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 6 – York Centre

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which 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 temporary taxicab stand for two taxis be designated on the west side of Dufferin Street, from a point 13 metres north of Sheppard Avenue West to a point 18 metres further north. The proposed taxicab stand will facilitate safe and efficient pick-up/drop-off activity for passengers during reconstruction work at the Sheppard West Transit Station.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. North York Community Council designate a taxicab stand for two taxis to operate at all times on the west side of Dufferin Street, between a point 13 metres north of Sheppard Avenue West and a point 18 metres further north.
2. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Dufferin Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and a point 31 metres north.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the installation of the necessary signs on Dufferin Street are included within the Transportation Services 2020 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) requested that Transportation Services review the feasibility of designating a temporary (for approximately 14 months) taxicab stand on Dufferin Street, in the vicinity of the Sheppard West Transit Station in order to accommodate transit patrons. A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

Dufferin Street, between Sheppard Avenue West and Clifton Avenue, is a two lane, local road, with a sidewalk on the east side of the street. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h and heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. An access to the Sheppard West Transit Station is located on the northeast corner of Dufferin Street and Sheppard Avenue West.

The TTC advised Transportation Services that the Sheppard West Transit Station, located on the southeast corner of Sheppard Avenue West and William R. Allen Road, is undergoing reconstruction. For the anticipated 14 month duration of the reconstruction, a new taxicab stand has been designated within the commuter parking lot. However, this location is inconvenient for commuters due to the long walking distance as well as the additional uncertainty of the ready availability of taxis since it is beyond the line of sight from the transit station. This is especially inconvenient for the elderly and people with mobility issues.

Given the above, Transportation Services staff recommends designating a taxicab stand on Dufferin Street in close proximity to the Sheppard West Transit Station to facilitate safe and efficient pick-up/drop-off of TTC patrons. Following completion of construction, a report will be prepared to North York Community Council to remove the taxicab stand.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendation of this staff report.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Location Plan (Dufferin Street)

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