

Accessible Loading Zone - Rushbrooke Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto - Danforth

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 the approval of a designated on-street accessible loading zone located on the west side of Rushbrooke Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue.

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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., all days of week, on the west side of Rushbrooke Avenue, between a point 64 metres north of Eastern Avenue and a point 11 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed installation of the accessible loading zone is approximately \$400.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from an accessible permit holder, to investigate the feasibility of installing an accessible loading zone in front of her house on Rushbrooke Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, to facilitate vehicles used in her pick-up/drop-off situation.

Existing Conditions

Rushbrooke Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, northbound, local roadway
- It operates one-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.4 metres
- The daily one-way northbound traffic volume is approximately 1,900 vehicles and the posted speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on Rushbrooke Avenue, within the subject section are as follows:

East Side

- No parking from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, between a point 208.5 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 13 metres further south
- No parking anytime, between a point 221 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 50.5 metres further south
- No parking from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, between a point 272 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 12 metres further south
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from Eastern Avenue to the first public lane south of Queen Street East
- Permit parking at all times from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, from 12:00 midnight of one day to 12:00 midnight of the next following day, from a point 208.5 metres south of Queen Street East to a point 13 metres further south
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West Side

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from Eastern Avenue to the first public lane south of Queen Street East
- No parking anytime, between Queen Street East and the first public lane south
- Three-hour statutory parking, on all other times.

Transportation Services provides designated on-street accessible loading zone as a convenience for people with disabilities and/or those who transport them, making it easier for them to find a pick-up/drop-off space, as near as possible to their places of residence or intended destinations and reducing the distances that the disabled people must walk.

Transportation Services has been advised by a resident of Rushbrooke Avenue that Wheel-Trans vehicles and accessible taxi cabs have difficulty in accessing the curb fronting her house due to the presence of parked vehicles. As a result, resident with accessible permit is facing problems during pick-up/drop-off times.

The designation of the accessible loading zone will result in loss of two on-street permit parking spaces on Rushbrooke Avenue.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Accessible Loading Zone - Rushbrooke Avenue

