

## **Accessible Loading Zone – St. Clarens Avenue**

**Date:** June 13, 2022

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 9, Davenport

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered a discrepancy between the parking regulations in the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 and the posted signage on the west side of St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West. Recommendation two will rectify this inconsistency.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of St. Clarens Avenue, between a point 362 metres north of College Street and a point 11 metres further north.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage cost associated with the proposed installation of the accessible loading zone is approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2022 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from a resident, to investigate the feasibility of installing an accessible loading zone in front of their residence on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West, to allow them unimpeded curbside access while using their vehicle which is equipped with a ramp.

### **Existing Conditions**

St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane local roadway
- It operates one-way northbound on a pavement width of approximately 6.3 metres
- The daily average traffic volume is approximately 900 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- It is a traffic calming zone
- Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided on the street
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The signed parking regulations on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West, are as follows:

#### **East side**

- Permit Parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Parking is prohibited at all times between a point 327 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 16 metres further south. Three-hour time limit parking (statutory) is in effect at all other times.

#### **West side**

- Parking is prohibited at all times

## **Proposed Changes**

Transportation Services provide designated on-street accessible loading zones 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 residences or intended destinations and reducing the distances that the disabled people must walk.

The installation of the accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access to the resident on St. Clarens Avenue during pick-up/drop-off scenarios.

A map of the area and proposed accessible loading zone is included in Attachment 1.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map – Proposed Accessible Loading Zone – St. Clarens Avenue

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