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## REPORT FOR ACTION

# **Accessible Loading Zone – Cross Street**

**Date:** June 13, 2022

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

## **SUMMARY**

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 onstreet accessible loading zone on the south side of Cross Street, between Beaconsfield Avenue and Gladstone Avenue.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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 south side of Cross Street, between a point 46.5 metres west of Beaconsfield Avenue and a point 10.7 metres further west
- 2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, except each Thursday, April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the south side of Cross Street, between Gladstone Avenue and Beaconsfield Avenue to be in effect from Beaconsfield Avenue to a point 46.5 metres west of Beaconsfield Avenue.
- 3. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times, except each Thursday, April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the south side of Cross Street, between Gladstone Avenue and a point 57.2 metres west of Beaconsfield Avenue.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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.

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## **DECISION HISTORY**

This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from a resident, to investigate the feasibility of installing an accessible loading zone in front of their residence on Cross Street, between Gladstone Avenue and Beaconsfield Avenue, to facilitate vehicles used in her pick-up/drop-off situation.

## **Existing Conditions**

Cross Street, between Gladstone Avenue and Beaconsfield Avenue, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane local roadway
- It operates east-west on a pavement width of approximately 7.3 metres
- The daily average traffic volume is approximately 350 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided on the street
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- It is designated as a Seniors Safety Zone and a School Safety Zone

The parking regulations on Cross Street, between Gladstone Avenue and Beaconsfield Avenue, are as follows:

#### South side

• Parking is prohibited at all times, except each Thursday, from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th,</sup> inclusive. Three-hour time limit parking (statutory) is in effect at all other times where permitted.

#### North side

- Permit Parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Parking is prohibited at all times, each Thursday from April 1st to November 30th, inclusive. Three-hour time limit parking (statutory) is in effect at all other times where permitted.

## **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.

Transportation Services have been advised by the Councillor's office, on behalf of a resident on Cross Street that Wheel-Trans vehicles have difficulty finding parking near the resident's house due to the presence of parked vehicles. As a result, the resident with accessible parking permit is facing problems during pick-up/drop-off times.

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.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Proposed Accessible Loading Zone – Cross Street

