

Accessible Parking Spaces - Whitmore Avenue

Date: September 28, 2023

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation

Wards: Ward 8, Eglinton-Lawrence

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of on-street accessible parking spaces on both sides of Whitmore Avenue, west of Times Road. The accessible parking spaces will alternate from one side of the street to the other with the existing alternate side parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council designate an accessible parking space to operate from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th, inclusive, on the north side of Whitmore Avenue between a point 93 metres east of Jimmy Wisdom Way and a point 5.5 metres further east.
2. North York Community Council designate an accessible parking space to operate from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, April 1st to November 30th and December 1st to March 31st, inclusive, on the south side of Whitmore Avenue, between a point 101.4 metres east of Jimmy Wisdom Way and a point 5.5 metres further east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed installation of the accessible parking space is approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

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

Designated on-street accessible parking spaces are not for the exclusive use of any one resident. Any person with a valid Accessible Parking Permit issued by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) may park in any designated on-street accessible parking space. Designated on-street accessible parking spaces may be relocated for technical or operational reasons, if deemed necessary by the City.

Delays in installing on-street accessible parking spaces may create hardships for the applicants. Timely removal of a designated on-street accessible parking space when it is no longer needed, for instance when the resident moves or is no longer eligible, aids in maximizing available on-street parking for other residents/motorists.

Whitmore Avenue, west of Times Road, is a local street that operates with one-way traffic in the eastbound direction and a pavement width of approximately 7.3 metres. There are a total of 25 on-street parking spaces available on Whitmore Avenue between Times Road and Jimmy Wisdom Way, of which 11 have been issued to date. Whitmore Avenue has the following parking regulations:

North side

- No parking anytime from December 1 to March 31, inclusive and from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, April 1 to November 30, inclusive
- One-hour parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1 to November 30
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily, except no parking from 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of each month to 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of each month, April 1 to December 1, inclusive and no parking anytime from 7:00 p.m. on December 1 to 7:00 p.m. on April 1, inclusive.
- Unsigned statutory three-hour parking limit at all other times

South side

- No parking anytime from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, April 1 to November 30, inclusive.
- One-hour parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, from December 1 to March 31 and from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, April 1 to November 30

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily, except no parking from 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of each month to 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of each month, April 1 to December 1 inclusive.
- Unsigned statutory three-hour parking limit at all other times

To be eligible for on-street accessible parking, applicants must hold a valid Accessible Parking Permit, issued by the MTO. Staff have determined that the installation of the accessible parking space is feasible as the requirements are met and the designated space will not result in the loss of more than one on-street parking space for general use.

It is important to note that accessible parking permit holders are not exempt from the winter maintenance overnight parking prohibition.

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

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ATTACHMENT

There are no attachments to this report.