

Accessible Loading Zone – Kingston Road

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 19, Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Kingston Road East, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending the designation of an on-street accessible loading zone to operate at all times except from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Kingston Road, between Beech Avenue and Balsam Avenue.

The establishment of this accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Wheel-Trans users and accessible permit holders, visiting the YMCA located at 907 Kingston Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to operate at all times except from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Kingston Road, between a point 54 metres east of Beech Avenue and a point 11 metres further east.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, at a rate of \$2.75 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours, on the south side of Kingston Road, between Beech Avenue and Balsam Avenue.

3. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the south side of Kingston Road, between Beech Avenue and a point 54 metres east and between a point 65 metres east of Beech Avenue and Balsam Avenue, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a maximum period of three hours and at a rate of \$2.75 per hour.

4. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the south side of Kingston Road, between Beech Avenue and Balsam Avenue, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, for a maximum period of three hours and at a rate of \$2.75 per hour.

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 2024 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

In response to an inquiry received from the YMCA located at 907 Kingston Road on behalf of their visitors who use Wheel-Trans, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of establishing an accessible loading zone on the south side of Kingston Road to provide unimpeded curbside access for the Wheel-Trans users and accessible permit holders, visiting the YMCA.

Existing Conditions

Kingston Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, two-way, major arterial roadway
- It operates on a pavement width of approximately 14.2 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 25,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- There is TTC service provided by the 503 Kingston Road streetcar route
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the road

The parking regulations on the south side of Kingston Road, within the subject segment, are as follows:

- No stopping from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Pay-and-display parking from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday
- Maximum three-hour parking is permitted at all other times

Proposed Changes

The General Manager of Steve & Sally Stavro Family YMCA, located at 907 Kingston Road reported that due to parked vehicles, it is difficult at times for TTC Wheel-Trans or anyone with an accessible parking permit to pick-up and drop-off passengers in front of the YMCA entrance area. In order to ensure that these activities are conducted safely, a designated accessible loading zone was requested.

Transportation Services provides designated on-street accessible loading zones as a convenience for people with physical impairments, disabilities and/or for those who transport them, making it easier for them to locate find a pick-up/drop-off space, as near as possible to their residence or intended destinations and reduce the distances that the person with the physical impairment or disability must walk.

An accessible loading zone is recommended on the south side of Kingston Road, east of Beech Avenue. This accessible loading zone may be used by TTC Wheel-Trans or any vehicle displaying a valid "Accessible Parking Permit" while actively engaged in the pick-up or drop-off of a person with accessibility requirements. The installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two on-street paid parking spaces from within the above-noted segment of Kingston Road. This accessible loading zone will operate at all times except from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and will have minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic/parking operations.

The Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) has been consulted and has no objections with the proposed recommendations. The installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two on-street paid parking spaces during the daytime and evening periods within the above-noted segment of Kingston Road. The approximate revenue that will be lost from the removal of on-street paid parking spaces is \$3,200.00. TPA will engage with Transportation Services about future opportunities to add new paid parking in the area.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - 907 Kingston Road

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