

Accessible Loading Zone - Dundas Street West

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 4, Parkdale-High Park

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Dundas Street West, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval for the installation of a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Keele Street and Indian Grove, to operate at all times except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday. The establishment of this accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Wheel-Trans users and accessible permit holders visiting the Toronto Orthopedic Services at 2829 Dundas Street West.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered a discrepancy between the by-lawed parking regulations and the posted signage on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Keele Street and Indian Grove. Recommendation 5 will rectify this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect at all times, except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point 56 metres east of Keele Street and a point 11 metres further east.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, at a rate of \$2.75 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Quebec Avenue and Indian Grove.

3. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the south side of Dundas Street West, between Quebec Avenue and a point 56 metres east of Keele Street, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, at a rate of \$2.75 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours.

4. City Council authorize the installation of parking machines on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point 67 metres east of Keele Street and Indian Grove, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, at a rate of \$2.75 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours.

5. City Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Dundas Street West, between a point opposite Heintzman Avenue and Indian Grove.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs 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 Toronto Orthopedic Services located at 2829 Dundas Street West 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 Dundas Street West to provide unimpeded curbside access for the Wheel-Trans users and accessible permit holders visiting this facility.

Existing Conditions

This segment of Dundas Street West is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east-west, minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 12.8 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 20,000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h and designated as a Community Safety Zone

- There is TTC service provided by the 40 Junction-Dundas West and 312 St. Clair-Junction Night Bus buses
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the road

The parking regulations on the south side of Dundas Street West, within the subject segment, are as follows:

- No stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday
- Pay-and-display parking from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday
- Maximum three-hour parking is permitted at all other times

Proposed Changes

Toronto Orthopedic Services, located at 2829 Dundas Street West, requested Transportation Services to review the feasibility of installing an accessible loading zone on the south side of Dundas Street West, east of Keele Street. Toronto Orthopedic Services fabricates orthopedic devices for patients with limited mobility. These patients are generally dropped-off and picked-up by Wheel-Trans vehicles. As on-street paid parking exists on the south side of the roadway, patients have difficulties at times finding parking fronting Toronto Orthopedic Services. The accessible loading zone would allow unimpeded curbside access for accessible vehicles (e.g., Wheel-Trans) equipped with a side or rear loading ramp.

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 Dundas Street West, east of Keele Street. 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. As such, this installation will have minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic or 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 Dundas Street West. The approximate revenue that will be lost from the removal of on-street paid parking spaces is \$3,347.00. 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.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected an inconsistency in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking regulations along this corridor. This inconsistency will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation 5 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - Dundas Street West

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