

On-Street Accessible Loading Zone - Handel Street

Date: January 31, 2025

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 5, York South-Weston

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 recommending the conversion of the existing on-street accessible parking space to an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Handel Street, south of Haney Avenue. The on-street accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access to the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Wheel-Trans service for a resident of Handel Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing on-street accessible parking space on the east side of Handel Street, between a point 11.5 metres south of Haney Avenue and a point 6.2 metres further south
2. Etobicoke York Community Council designate an on-street accessible loading zone to operate at all times on the east side of Handel Street, between a point 9 metres south of Haney Avenue and a point 8.5 metres further south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage cost associated with the proposed installation of the on-street accessible loading zone is approximately \$1000. Funding is available in the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on June 13, 2017, Etobicoke York Community Council approved Item EY23.54 (Installation/Removal On-Street Accessible Parking Spaces - EYD - May 2017) and in so doing, approved the installation on an accessible parking space on Handel Street.

[Agenda Item History - 2017.EY23.54](#)

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor, on behalf of a local resident, to review the feasibility of converting the existing on-street accessible parking space to an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Handel Street, south of Haney Avenue as TTC Wheel-Trans now services Handel Street.

Existing Conditions

Handel Street, between Haney Avenue and Ellins Avenue, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The posted speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on Handel Street, between Haney Avenue and Ellins Avenue are as follows:

West Side

- No Parking Anytime

East Side

- Statutory (unsigned) City wide 3-hour maximum parking

Proposed Changes

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.

The resident requesting the on-street accessible loading zone is regularly transported by TTC Wheel-Trans, as confirmed by the TTC. The existing on-street accessible parking space will be converted to an on-street accessible loading zone. The on-street 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 is recommended and will have minimal impact on local traffic or parking operations.

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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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - On-Street Accessible Loading Zone - Handel Street

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