

## **On-Street Accessible Loading Zone - Donald Avenue**

**Date:** October 2, 2025

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 5, York South-Weston

### **SUMMARY**

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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 designation of an on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of Donald Avenue, west of Silverthorn Avenue. The establishment of the on-street accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Wheel-Trans service user in the subject area.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council designate an on-street accessible loading zone to be in effect at all times on the south side of Donald Avenue, between a point 15 metres west of Silverthorn Avenue and a point 9 metres further west.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage cost associated with the proposed installation of the on-street accessible loading zone is approximately \$500. Funding is available in the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of an accessible permit holder to investigate the feasibility of installing a designated on-street accessible loading zone on Donald Avenue, west of Silverthorn Avenue. The accessible loading zone will allow curbside access for accessible vehicles equipped with a side or rear loading ramp (e.g., Wheel-Trans) and permit holders during pick-up/drop-off scenarios.

### Existing Conditions

Donald Avenue, between Silverthorn Avenue and Kane Avenue, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- A sidewalk is located on the south side of the street.

The surrounding land use on Donald Avenue consists of single-family, semidetached residential dwellings.

The parking regulations on Donald Avenue, between Silverthorn Avenue and Kane Avenue are as follows:

#### South Side

- Permit parking 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

#### North Side

- No parking at all times

### 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 designation of an on-street accessible loading zone will result in the loss of two parking spaces. 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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Map - On-Street Accessible Loading Zone - Donald Avenue

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