

Accessible Parking Space - Embla Street

Date: June 16, 2025

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation

Wards: Ward 16, Don Valley East

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 an on-street accessible parking space on the west side of Embla Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council designate an on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times on the west side of Embla Street, from a point 51 metres north of Barber Greene Road to a point 5.5 metres further north.
2. Rescind the winter maintenance parking prohibition in effect from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., December 1st to March 31st, on the west side of Embla Street, from a point 51 metres north of Barber Greene Road to a point 5.5 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed installation of the accessible parking space is approximately \$500. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 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 place of residence or intended destinations and reducing walking distances.

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.

Embla Street is a two-way local road. Parking is allowed for up to three hours at all times on both sides of Embla Street (unsigned, statutory), except from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., between December 1st and March 31st, when parking is prohibited on both sides of the street, as per the winter maintenance Bylaw 30662. Bylaw 30662 is in effect on all streets in the limits of the former City of North York, unless specifically exempted.

Rescinding the winter maintenance bylaw within the limits of the existing accessible parking space on Embla Street will allow accessible permit holders to park year round in the space. This will not have a negative impact on the flow of traffic on Embla Street, however, will impact snow removal at this location. This is similar to the existing accessible parking space further south on Embla Street.

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.

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

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ATTACHMENT

There are no attachments to this report.