

Commercial Loading Zone - Charles Street West

Date: April 11, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

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 designation of a Commercial Loading Zone (CLZ) to operate at all times on the south side of Charles Street West, between Bay Street and Balmuto Street. The proposed commercial loading zone will help facilitate loading and unloading operations for businesses on this section of Charles Street West.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered a discrepancy with the speed limit on Charles Street West. As it is classified as a collector road, the speed limit should be 40 km/h. Recommendation 4 will address this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Charles Street West, between Bay Street and Yonge Street.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Charles Street West, between a point 49 metres east of Bay Street and a point 66.5 metres west of Yonge Street, to be in effect between Balmuto Street and Yonge Street.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to be in effect at all times on the south side of Charles Street West, between a point 49 metres east of Bay Street and Balmuto Street.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a 40 km/h speed limit on Charles Street West, between Queen's Park and Yonge Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to this report. The estimated amount of \$1,146.75 for the installation, plus the annual fee of \$2,171.40 for the commercial loading zone will be borne by the applicant.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor requested that a commercial loading zone (CLZ), that will operate at all times, be implemented on the south side of Charles Street West, between Bay Street and Balmuto Street, to help facilitate loading/unloading activities for local businesses in the area.

Existing Conditions

Charles Street West is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 10.8 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on Charles Street West, within the subject section are as follows:

North side

- No standing, anytime

South side

- No stopping, anytime, between Bay Street and a point 49 metres east
- No parking, anytime, between a point 49 metres east of Bay Street and Balmuto Street

Proposed Changes

Transportation Services staff determined that it is feasible to designate a commercial loading zone on this section of Charles Street West. Specifically, the commercial loading zone will operate at all times on the south side of Charles Street West, between a point 49 metres east of Bay Street and Balmuto Street. Parking is currently prohibited at all times in this area, therefore there will be no loss of on-street parking with this proposal. It is noted that vehicles displaying Accessible Parking Permits will not be permitted to park within the commercial loading zone.

It also should be noted that a commercial loading zone is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise and no one has exclusive rights to the loading zone.

A map of the area and proposed commercial loading zone 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 - Parking Amendments - Charles Street West

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