

Accessible Loading Zone Removal - Somerset Avenue

Date: June 19, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

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 the removal of an on-street accessible loading zone located on the east side of Somerset Avenue, north of Geary Avenue. The removal of the accessible loading zone will create one additional on-street parking space.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered discrepancies between the by-lawed parking regulations and the posted signage on Somerset Avenue. Recommendations 2 to 11 will rectify these inconsistencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing accessible loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between a point 148.7 metres north of Geary Avenue and a point 10.0 metres further north.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the west side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the west side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the west side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily on the odd (east) side of Somerset Avenue, from Geary Avenue to Davenport Road, except no parking anytime from a point 106 metres north of Geary Avenue to a point 5.5 metres further north of it; and no parking anytime from a point 61 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 5.5 metres further south.
9. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect at all times on the west side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
10. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between Davenport Road and Geary Avenue.
11. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking by permit only to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily on the odd (east) side of Somerset Avenue from Davenport Road to Geary Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed removal of the existing accessible loading zone is approximately \$800.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on June 29 and 30, 2022, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE34.123 (Accessible Loading Zone - Somerset Avenue) designating an on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between a point 148.7 metres north of Geary Avenue and a point 10.0 metres further north, to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Toronto and East York Community Council decision can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.TE34.123>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the original applicant to remove the existing on-street accessible loading zone on the east side of Somerset Avenue, between a point 148.7 metres north of Geary Avenue and a point 10.0 metres further north. The accessible loading zone and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Wheel-Trans services are no longer needed by the original applicant.

Existing Conditions

Somerset Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, northbound, local roadway
- It operates one-way traffic on a pavement width of 7.3 metres
- The daily one-way northbound traffic volume is approximately 500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy vehicles 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 surrounding land use on Somerset Avenue consists of single-family residential dwellings.

The signed parking regulations on Somerset Avenue, within the subject segment, are as follows:

East side

- Maximum one-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

West side

- No parking anytime

Transportation Services confirmed the designated on-street accessible loading zone and TTC Wheel Trans services are no longer needed by the original applicant. The removal of the existing on-street accessible loading zone will create one additional on-street parking space within the above-noted segment of Somerset Avenue.

Staff undertook a site investigation on May 14, 2025, at approximately 1:30 p.m. to verify parking regulations.

A map of the area and accessible loading zone to be removed is included in Attachment 1.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected inconsistencies in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking regulations along this corridor. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 2 to 11 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Accessible Loading Zone Removal - Somerset Avenue

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