

Accessible Loading Zone - Nairn Avenue

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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 approval for the installation of a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the west side of Nairn Avenue, between Morrison Avenue and Rogers Road. The accessible loading zone will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The establishment of this accessible loading zone (ALZ) will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Wheel-Trans users and accessible permit holders visiting The Planting Community Church at 236 Nairn Avenue.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered a discrepancy in wording in the by-lawed parking regulations. Recommendations 2 and 3 will rectify this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, on the west side of Nairn Avenue, between a point 39 metres south of Rogers Road and a point 10 metres further south.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., daily, on the even (west) side of Nairn Avenue from 230 to Haterley Road, except no parking from 7:00 p.m. 1st day to 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of each month, inclusive, April 1 to December 1, inclusive.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking by permit only to be in effect from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. daily on the even (west) side of Nairn Avenue, from 230 to Hatherley Road, except no parking from 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day to 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to December 1, inclusive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed installation of the accessible loading zone is approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

In response to an inquiry received from The Planting Community Church, located at 236 Nairn Avenue, on behalf of their visitors who use the TTC Wheel-Trans service, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of establishing a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the west side of Nairn Avenue. The accessible loading zone will provide unimpeded curbside access for the TTC Wheel-Trans users and accessible permit holders visiting this facility.

Existing Conditions

This segment of Nairn Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, northbound, collector roadway
- It operates one-way traffic on a pavement width of 7.3 metres
- The daily one-way traffic volume is approximately 2,200 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The surrounding land use on Nairn Avenue consists of single-family residential dwellings.

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

East side

- No parking at all times from the 16th day of each month to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.3 metres north of Morrison Avenue and Hatherley Road

- No parking anytime from December 1 to March 31, inclusive, between a point 30.3 metres north of Morrison Avenue and Hatherley Road
- Permit parking from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. daily, except no parking from 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of each month to 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to December 1, inclusive; and no parking anytime from 7:00 p.m. on December 1 of one year to 7:00 p.m. on April 1 of the next following year, inclusive, from 241 to Hatherley Road
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

West side

- No parking anytime from the 1st day of each month to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between a point 30.3 metres north of Morrison Avenue and Hatherley Road
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, from Morrison Avenue to a point 30.1 metres further north
- Permit parking from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m., daily, except no parking from 7:00 p.m. 1st day to 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to December 1, inclusive, from 230 to Hatherley Road
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

Staff undertook a site investigation on September 25, 2025, at approximately 12:30 p.m. to determine the proposed on-street accessible loading zone location and verify parking regulations.

Proposed Changes

The Planting Community Church, located at 236 Nairn Avenue, requested Transportation Services to review the feasibility of installing a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the west side of Nairn Avenue, between Morrison Avenue and Rogers Road. The Planting Community Church provides weekend church services, acting as a place of worship and community activities for people with all abilities and their family. Many visitors are generally dropped-off and picked-up by TTC Wheel-Trans vehicles. The church is located in a residential neighborhood with alternate side on-street parking. As a result, visitors have difficulties at times finding curb side space for pick-up/drop-off activities during the daytime on weekends in front of the church. The accessible loading zone would allow unimpeded curbside access for accessible vehicles (e.g., TTC Wheel-Trans) equipped with a side or rear loading ramp.

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 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.

An accessible loading zone is recommended on the west side of Nairn Avenue, between Morrison Avenue and Rogers Road. This 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.

The installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two on-street parking spaces for the half of the month during the weekend daytime periods within the above-noted segment of Nairn Avenue. These spaces will continue to be available to residential permit holders parking overnight. As such, this installation will have a minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic or parking operations.

A map of the area and proposed accessible loading zone is included in Attachment 1.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also detected an inconsistency in the by-law related to the wording in the parking regulations along this corridor. This inconsistency will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 2 and 3 of this report.

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

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - Nairn Avenue

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