

## **Accessible Loading Zone - Shirley Street**

**Date:** June 19, 2025

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 9, Davenport

### **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 requesting approval for the installation of a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue. The accessible loading zone will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The establishment of this accessible loading zone (ALZ) will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Wheel-Trans users in the subject area.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered a discrepancy between the by-lawed parking regulations and the posted signage on the north side of Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Norfolk Street. Recommendation 2 will rectify this inconsistency.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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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., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Shirley Street, between a point 42.5 metres west of Brock Avenue and a point 10 metres further west.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday and Sunday, on the north side of Shirley Street, between a point 81.4 metres east of St. Clarens Avenue and a point 43.5 metres further east.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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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**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from an accessible permit holder to investigate the feasibility of installing a designated on-street accessible loading zone in the vicinity of their residence on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock 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**

This segment of Shirley Street is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, eastbound, local roadway
- It operates one-way traffic on a pavement width of 6.5 metres
- The daily one-way eastbound traffic volume is approximately 500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the streets

The surrounding land use on Shirley Street consists of single-family residential dwellings and institutional uses, including (Shirley Street Junior Public School, City View Alternative Senior School and Toronto Shirley Street YMCA Child Care Centre).

The parking regulations on Shirley Street, within the subject segment, are as follows:

#### **North side**

- No parking anytime, between St. Clarens Avenue and a point 81.4 metres further east
- No parking anytime, between a point 124.9 metres east of St. Clarens Avenue and Norfolk Street

- Parking for a maximum period of 10-minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between a point 81.4 metres east of St. Clarens Avenue and a point 43.5 metres further east
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

### **South side**

- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between St. Clarens Avenue and a point 143 metres east
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, from Brock Avenue to Lansdowne Avenue
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

Staff undertook a site investigation on March 10, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. to determine the proposed on-street accessible loading zone location and verify the parking regulations.

### **Proposed Changes**

Transportation Services received a request from an accessible permit holder to investigate the feasibility of installing a designated on-street accessible loading zone on the south side of Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue. The accessible loading zone will allow unimpeded curbside access for accessible vehicles (e.g. 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 south side of Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue. 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 during the daytime on weekdays within the above-noted segment of Shirley Street. 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 proposed accessible loading zone is included in Attachment 1.

## Housekeeping Issues

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

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

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## SIGNATURE

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## ATTACHMENT

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Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - Shirley Street

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