

## **Accessible Loading Zone - Earlscourt Avenue**

**Date:** September 2, 2025

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

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street 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 east side of Earlscourt Avenue, between Hope Street and Ascot 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 will provide unimpeded curbside access for the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Wheel-Trans users in the subject area.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered discrepancies between the by-lawed parking regulations and the posted signage on Earlscourt Avenue. Recommendations 2 to 10 will rectify these inconsistencies.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Enforcement and Street 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 east side of Earlscourt Avenue, between a point 59 metres south of Hope Street and a point 10 metres further south.

2. 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, 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, on the odd (east) side of Earls court Avenue from 211 to Rogers Road.
3. 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, except no parking from the 16th day to the last day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the odd (east) side of Earls court Avenue from Ascot Avenue to a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect 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. December 1 of one year to 7:00 p.m. April 1 of the next following year, inclusive, on the even (west) side of Earls court Avenue from 220 to Rogers Road.
5. 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, except no parking from the first day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, and no parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the even (west) side of Earls court Avenue from Ascot Avenue to a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing accessible parking space 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 Earls court Avenue, between a point 58 metres south of Hope Street and a point 5.5 metres further south.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking from the 16th day to the last day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the odd (east) side of Earls court Avenue from Ascot Avenue to Rogers Road.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, and no parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, on the even (west) side of Earls court Avenue from Ascot Avenue to Rogers Road.
9. Toronto and East York Community Council designate an accessible parking space to be in effect at all times, from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, and from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the east side of Earls court Avenue, between a point 53.5 metres south of Hope Street and a point 5.5 metres further south.

10. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing accessible parking space in effect at all times, from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, and from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, on the west side of Earls court Avenue between a point 52.2 metres south of Hope Street and a point 5.5 metres further south to be in effect at all times, from the 16th day to the last day of each month from April 1 to November 30, inclusive.

## **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 on Earls court Avenue, between Hope Street and Ascot 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 Earls court Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, southbound, collector roadway
- It operates one-way southbound traffic on a pavement width of 7.3 metres
- The daily one-way southbound traffic volume is approximately 1,600 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 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
- There is traffic calming (speed humps) on the street

The surrounding land use on Earls court Avenue consists of single-family, semi-detached residential dwellings.

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

### **East side**

- No parking from the 16th day to the last day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between Ascot Avenue and a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking from the 16th day to the 1st day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to December 1, inclusive, from Ascot Avenue to a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

### **West side**

- No parking at all times from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, between Ascot Avenue and a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue
- No parking from the first day to the 15th day of each month, from April 1 to November 30, inclusive, between Ascot Avenue and a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking from the first day to the 15th day of each month, inclusive, from April 1 to December 1, inclusive, and no parking anytime from December 1 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, from Ascot Avenue to a point 23 metres north of Morrison Avenue
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Staff undertook a site investigation on July 30, 2025, at approximately 1:00 p.m. to determine the proposed on-street accessible loading zone location and verify parking regulations.

### **Proposed Changes**

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 east side of Earls court Avenue, between Hope Street and Ascot 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 weekday daytime periods within the above-noted segment of Earls court Avenue. There is alternate side parking on Earls court Avenue; therefore, the loss of parking spaces is restricted to the first half of the month from April to November and the entire month from December to March. These spaces will continue to be available to residential permit holders parking overnight and during weekends. 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 inconsistencies in the by-law related to the current signed parking regulations along this corridor. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 2 to 10 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 - Earls court Avenue

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