

Date: March 16, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Salem Avenue, Commercial Loading Zone (Ward 9, Davenport)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the April 1, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

Summary

- X Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.

Draft Recommendations

1. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Salem Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Southview Avenue.*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily, on the odd (east) side of Salem Avenue from Bloor Street West to Shanly Street.*
3. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Salem Avenue, between Bloor Street West and a point 14 meters north.*
4. *Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to be in effect at all times on the west side of Salem Avenue, between a point 14 metres north of Bloor Street West and a point 20.5 metres further north.*
5. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Salem Avenue, between the first lane north of Bloor Street West, east of Bartlett Avenue and Southview Avenue.*
6. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Salem Avenue, between Bloor Street West and the first lane north of Bloor Street West, west of Westmoreland Avenue.*

7. *Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily, on the odd (east) side of Salem Avenue from the lane north of Bloor Street West, west of Westmoreland Avenue to Shanly Street.*

The Councillor's office, on behalf of residents and business owners, has requested Transportation Services to review the feasibility of installing a Commercial Loading Zone (CLZ) on Salem Avenue, north of Bloor Street West. The requested CLZ will provide a safe and unimpeded area for commercial vehicles to load/unload equipment and merchandise supporting nearby businesses on Bloor Street West. This request will minimize commercial vehicles loading in nearby laneways, obstructing through traffic, and causing sightline obstructions for vulnerable road users.

A site visit was conducted in February 2026, and it was determined that the CLZ is operationally feasible. However, there are fees associated with the CLZ, including the initial installation, a yearly administrative fee, and a one-time payment to cover the loss of pay parking, if applicable. As these fees are not being collected in the requested installation, Transportation Services does not have the authority to approve this installation.

As part of the review, Transportation Services also identified safety and operational concerns caused by vehicles parking on both sides of Salem Avenue, near Bloor Street West. This activity impedes the two-way roadway operation and limits the visibility of pedestrians, cyclists, and oncoming motorists. The existing no parking areas allow motorists to load or unload passengers or merchandise and those with a valid accessible parking permit to park. These vehicles impede the movements of large commercial vehicles, creating safety concerns and congestion in the area, force motorists to enter oncoming traffic to pass, and impede snow removal and street cleaning operations. The proposed parking enhancements will deter parking and loading at this location and provide unimpeded manoeuvring for commercial vehicles. Permit Parking confirmed that there is sufficient capacity in Permit Parking Area 3G to absorb the loss of three permit parking spaces.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations above will be approximately \$2,000.00. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by Toronto and East York Community Council.

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