

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Oakwood Avenue – Accessible 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 30, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Oakwood Avenue, City Council approval of the recommendation(s) in this memorandum is required.

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. *City Council designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily, on the east side of Oakwood Avenue, between a point 107 metres south of Glenhurst Avenue and a point 11 metres further south.*
2. *City Council amend the existing maximum 1 hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Oakwood Avenue, between a point 55.4 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Earlsdale Avenue, to be in effect between a point 55.4 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 118 metres south of Glenhurst Avenue and between a point 107 metres south of Glenhurst Avenue and Earlsdale Avenue.*

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of implementing an accessible loading zone on Oakwood Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Glenhurst Avenue, in response to a request submitted to the Ward Councillor's office by a resident. 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 periods. A site visit was conducted in April 2026.

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. 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 review determined that the proposed changes would not impede traffic flow on Oakwood Avenue. 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 Oakwood Avenue. As such, this installation will have a minimal impact on the public right-of-way and local traffic or parking operations.

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 recommendation will be approximately \$1,000.00. 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 City Council.

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