

## **Accessible Loading Zone - Birchview Crescent**

**Date:** May 11, 2026

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

**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 4, Parkdale-High Park

### **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 west side of Birchview Crescent, south of Oakview Avenue. The accessible loading zone will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily. 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.

The proposed installation will reduce, and more properly designate, an existing no parking, anytime area on Birchview Crescent that has been improperly signed as an accessible loading zone.

### **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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily, on the west side of Birchview Crescent, between a point 50 metres south of Oakview Avenue and a point 11 metres further south.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Birchview Crescent, between a point 53 metres south of Oakview Avenue and a point 19.5 metres further south.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed installation of the accessible loading zone is approximately \$800.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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City Council, at its meeting on November 26, 27, and 28, 2002 adopted Clause No. 13 of Report No. 13 of the Humber York Community Council (Birchview Crescent, west side, South of Oakview Avenue Establishment of a Disabled Person's Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone), approving the installation of the parking prohibition on the west side of Birchview Crescent in the vicinity of Premises No. 10, in order to accommodate a Wheeltrans bus pick-up/drop-off. The City Council decision can be found at:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2002/agendas/council/cc021126/yk13rpt/cl013.pdf>

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from a resident to investigate the length of the signed on-street accessible loading zone on Birchview Crescent.

### **Existing Conditions**

This segment of Birchview Crescent is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south and east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The surrounding land use on Birchview Crescent consists of detached residential dwellings.

The parking regulations on Birchview Crescent, within the subject segment, are as follows:

### **East side**

- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, from Oakview Avenue to the north end of Birchview Crescent
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

## **West side**

- No parking anytime, between a point 53 metres south of Oakview Avenue and a point 19.5 metres further south
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, from Oakview Avenue to the north end of Birchview Crescent
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

Staff undertook a site investigation on March 12, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. to review the signed and 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.

Transportation Services confirmed the signed accessible loading zone on Birchview Crescent is by-lawed as no parking. Additionally, the approximate length of 42 metres exceeds the standard length of 11 metres for an on-street accessible loading zone. This zone has been in place since 2002.

To address this concern, Transportation Services is recommending the on-street accessible loading zone be re-established on the west side of Birchview Crescent, between a point 50 metres south of Oakview Avenue and a point 11 metres further south. The zone will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily. The remaining portion will be converted to on-street parking and provide approximately three additional parking spaces.

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.

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

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Accessible Loading Zone - Birchview Crescent

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