

Date: July 6, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Leader Lane – Traffic and Parking Amendments (Ward 13, Toronto Centre)

Transportation Services has requested the Ward 13 Councillor to present the recommendations outlined below to the July 8 and 9, 2026 Toronto and East York Community Council, requesting approval in lieu of a staff report. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

This memorandum is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

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 amend the existing standing prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Leader Lane, between King Street East and a point 30.5 metres south, to be in effect between King Street East and a point 15 metres south.*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing commercial loading zone in effect at all times on the west side of Leader Lane, between a point 30.5 metres south of King Street East and Colborne Street, to be in effect between a point 15 metres south of King Street East and a point 15 metres south.*
3. *Toronto and East York Community Council designate a Delivery Vehicle Parking Zone to be in effect at all times for a maximum period of 20 minutes, on the west side of Leader Lane, between a point 30 metres south of King Street East and a point 24 metres south.*
4. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Leader Lane, between a point 54 metres south of King Street East and Colborne Street*

5. Toronto and East York Community Council designate Leader Lane, between King Street East and Colborne Street, as one-way for southbound traffic only.

The Omni King Edward Hotel is located at 37 King Street East and includes "The King Edward Private Residences". Leader Lane, between King Street East and Colborne Street, is a public lane located next to this property. It is signed to operate as one-way southbound and provides entrances to the hotel and residence on the west side. The following parking regulations are currently in effect on this section of Leader Lane:

West side

- A Commercial Loading Zone that operates at all times
- The corner parking prohibitions at King Street East and at Colborne Street are signed with a standing prohibition at all times
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East Side

- Stopping is prohibited at all times

The Omni King Edward Hotel and residence, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, expressed concerns regarding parking on this section of Leader Lane and the lack of short-term delivery opportunities next to the property and in this area.

The Ward Councillor requested that the existing parking regulations on this section of Leader Lane be changed to facilitate a 20-minute Delivery Zone that will operate at all times. This Delivery Zone can be used by any motor vehicle undertaking delivery activities. The existing Commercial Loading Zone that generally occupies the entire block length will be shortened to 15 metres in order to accommodate the Delivery Zone. Staff conducted a site visit in June 2026 and confirmed the changes are feasible.

Transportation Services also detected an inconsistency in the traffic by-law related to the current traffic regulations in the subject section of Leader Lane. This inconsistency will be resolved with the approval of Recommendations 5.

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 \$500.00. 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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