

Date: June 25, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Proposed Commercial Loading Zones - Church Street and Wellington Street East (Ward 13, Toronto Centre)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 13 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the July 8 and 9, 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 Church Street and on Wellington Street East, City Council approval of the recommendations 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 amend the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, at a rate of \$7.00 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours, on the west side of Church Street, between Front Street East and King Street East, to be in effect between Colborne Street and King Street East.*
2. *City Council amend the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at a rate of \$7.00 per hour and for a maximum period of two and half hours, on the west side of Church Street, between Front Street East and King Street East, to be in effect between Colborne Street and King Street East.*
3. *City Council designate a commercial loading zone to be in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on*

Saturday and Sunday, on the west side of Church Street, between Colborne Street and a point 29 metres south.

- 4. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, at a rate of \$4.50 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours, on the north side of Wellington Street East, between a point 42.5 metres east of Scott Street and Leader Lane.*
- 5. City Council designate a commercial loading zone to be in effect at all times on the north side of Wellington Street East, between a point 42.5 metres east of Scott Street and Leader Lane.*

At its October 22, 2025, meeting, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item 2025.TE26.41 (Streetscape Improvements and Parking Amendments – Colborne Street between Church Street and Leader Lane). As a result of this approval, all parking was removed on Colborne Street to facilitate streetscape improvements. The report can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.TE26.41>

As a result of the loss of parking on Colborne Street and the lack of commercial loading opportunities in this area, the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area (BIA), in consultation with the local Councillor and Transportation Services' staff, requested that commercial loading zones be established at the following locations:

- Church Street, west side, between Colborne Street and a point 29 metres south
- Wellington Street East, north side, between a point 42.5 metres east of Scott Street and Leader Lane

These requests are feasible and will help facilitate loading and unloading operations for businesses in this area. It is noted that a commercial loading zone is a public facility, which may be used by anyone for the purpose of and while engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise and no one has exclusive rights to the loading zone.

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 \$1,900.00. 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.

There will be an estimated annual loss of revenue of \$41,974.00 resulting from the loss of six pay-and-display parking spaces on Church Street and Wellington Street East.

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