

Date: July 2, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Queen Street West – Accessible Loading Zone
(Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 10 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 Queen Street West, 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 designate an accessible loading zone to be in effect from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Queen Street West, between a point 33 metres west of Walnut Avenue and a point 11 metres further west.*

In response to a request submitted to the Ward Councillor's office by a resident, Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of implementing an accessible loading zone on Queen Street West, between Strachan Avenue and Walnut Avenue. The accessible loading zone will allow curbside access for accessible vehicles equipped with a side or rear loading ramp (e.g., Wheel-Trans) and accessible permit holders during pick-up/drop-off periods. Transportation Services and the Councillor's office support the installation of the accessible loading zone on Queen Street West. A site visit was conducted in June 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 installation of the proposed accessible loading zone will remove two pay-and-display parking spaces on Queen Street West during the operating hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Pay-and-display parking will be maintained outside the proposed accessible loading zone operating hours.

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 above will be approximately \$1,500.00. 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 City Council.

The revenue loss associated with the removal of the pay-and-display spaces is \$4,630.00. The Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) has been consulted and has no objections to the proposed recommendations and will engage with Transportation Services about future opportunities to add new paid parking in the area.

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