



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: August 14, 2023

Subject: SRW.23.17 Accessible Parking Space in Tara

Report from: Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

Appendices: Appendix A – Location Photographs

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Directs Staff to amend Schedule "H" to By-Law 46-2020 being a Bylaw to Regulate Traffic and Parking to include a designated disabled persons parking space on the north side of Matilda Street, west of Yonge Street in Tara; and
2. Support the installation of a designated disabled persons parking space in the spring of 2024 on the north side of Matilda Street, west of Yonge Street in Tara.

Report Summary

The intent of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the addition of an Accessible Parking Space on the north side of Matilda Street adjacent to the Bank of Montreal in Tara.

Background

At a previous Council meeting, the topic of a designated accessible parking space in close proximity to the Bank of Montreal in Tara was brought forward for review. Staff have investigated the possibilities of this request and outlined the options below:

- Requested placement: Yonge Street North, Tara
 - Staff proposal: Matilda Street, Tara
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Analysis

Accessible parking spaces in Arran-Elderslie are governed under By-Law 46-2020 – A Bylaw to Regulate Traffic and Parking. The following spaces in Tara are designated exclusively for the use of disabled persons who have been issued and clearly display in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and the regulations there under, a disabled persons parking permit and these spots shall be signed as such:

- Two (2) spaces located on each side of the Arena/Community Centre entrance fronting Hamilton Street;
- One (1) space located in the municipal parking lot on 24 Yonge Street North.

Any changes to the Designated Disabled Persons Parking Spaces will require a change to Schedule “H” in the Traffic and Parking By-Law.

By-Law 46-2020 also prescribes that no person shall park a vehicle on any highway within nine (9) metres (30 feet) of an intersecting roadway and the Ontario Traffic Manual also stipulates that disabled parking spaces should have access to a nearby curb cut or ramp for wheelchair access. Spaces should be at least 3.7m wide which includes an unobstructed area of 1.0m wide adjacent to allow the driver or passenger access to operate a wheelchair between the parked vehicles.

Ontario Regulation 191/11 made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 lays out the standards for maintaining compliance with accessibility requirements when constructing new or developing existing off-street and on-street parking spaces. Although there are specifications for off-street parking, the only requirement for on-street parking is that Designated Public Sector Organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities. However, since this is not a substantial redevelopment and only the addition of one space, the project would be exempt.

The requested placement of an additional accessible parking space at the front of the Bank of Montreal at 42 Yonge St N, Tara. Currently, at this location, there is only a ramp at the intersection corner which is approximately 50 feet from the closest parking space. To facilitate a space, the curb would need to be cut and a ramp installed, along with painting of the space and the installation of signage.

Staff propose creating an additional accessible parking spot around the corner on the north side of Matilda Street. This location does not have a curb and the sidewalk is flush with the street. This location is also directly adjacent to the accessible ramp for the Bank of Montreal. Utilizing this space would only require painting and the installation of signage. Staff recommend proceeding with the installation in Spring of 2024 so that line painting can be completed with the other spring line painting to reduce costs.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

Staff anticipate that the costs associated with this project will not exceed \$1,000.00 and will be financed through the 2024 operating budget Transportation – Parking – Material & Supplies – 01-2540-4340.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer