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Andy Koropeski
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Monday, September 26, 2011

Dear Mr. Koropeski,

RE: Accessible parking spot in front of 1173/1175 Bloor Street West

There is currently an accessible parking spot on Bloor Street West, in front 1173 and 1175 Bloor Street West. Ward 18 residents have parked in this spot and received \$450 parking infraction notices that could have been avoided if the parking regulation signage was clearer.

As it currently stands, the sign at the east of this parking spot is obscured by a tree as can be seen in the attached photo. For motorists pulling in from the west, the signage that is currently in place is not noticeable. I would like to add that the accessible parking space is located in front of 'Safehaven' and the 'Music Therapy Institute,' both of which give no obvious indication of being a wheelchair location.

Given that this accessible parking spot is relatively new in the area, it would be fair to assume that many local residents and customers alike may not be familiar with this new parking regulation. For this reason, I feel that the installation of pavement markings at this location would assist in better demarking this accessible parking spot.

I would like to add that Transportation Services staff have forwarded my office a document, which I have attached for your reference, stating that "Disabled Parking control exemption signs may be augmented, but not replaced by pavement markings." Given these guidelines, I kindly ask that Transportation Services look into installing pavement markings at this location.

Should you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Ana Bailão
City Councillor
Ward 18, Davenport

c.c.: David Cayley, 242 Havelock Street, Toronto, ON M6H 3B9

Sign Types

The **DISABLED PARKING PERMIT sign (Rb-93)** must be used to exempt vehicles displaying a valid a Disabled Persons Parking Permit from parking prohibitions at designated parking spaces, and thereby to indicate parking spaces designated for use by disabled persons possessing a valid Disabled Persons Parking Permit.

The **DISABLED STANDING EXEMPTION sign (Rb-94)** must be used to exempt vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Persons Parking Permit from standing prohibitions.

The **DISABLED STOPPING EXEMPTION sign (Rb-95)** must be used to exempt vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Persons Parking Permit from stopping prohibitions.

Guidelines For Use

Disabled parking control exemption signs may be augmented, but not replaced, by pavement markings.

When multiple parking stalls are to be designated with the Rb-93 sign, each parking stall must have an individual sign.

Location Criteria

For parallel parking stalls:

- The **DISABLED PARKING PERMIT** sign must be placed adjacent to the stall within its longitudinal limits;
- The sign placement must clearly indicate which stall the sign applies to;

- The sign must not interfere with passengers entering or leaving the vehicle; and
- The sign should be mounted at a height of 2 m to 3 m, measured from the top of the curb to the bottom of the sign.

For angle parking or parking perpendicular to the roadway:

- The **DISABLED PARKING PERMIT** sign must be placed at the side of the road, midway between the lateral limits of the stall; and
- The sign should be mounted at a height of 1.5 m to 2.5 m, measured from the top of the curb to the bottom of the sign.

Legal Status

Highway Traffic Act, Regulation 581 (R.R.O. 1990).

Signs are also enforceable in municipalities by municipal by-law.

Minimum Sheeting Requirement

Type I

Special Considerations

N/A

