



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Duckworth Street – Amendments to Parking Regulations

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 12, York South-Weston
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to lengthen the existing stopping prohibition on Duckworth Street between Lawrence Avenue West and Thurodale Avenue. The prohibition of stopping on the east side at all times, Monday to Friday, will enhance the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommend that:

1. The existing stopping prohibition, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Duckworth Street, between Lawrence Avenue West and Thurodale Avenue, be rescinded; and
2. Stopping be prohibited Monday to Friday, on the east side of Duckworth Street, between Lawrence Avenue West and Thurodale Avenue, be rescinded.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funding	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Di Giorgio, on behalf of area residents, has expressed concerns regarding the vehicle delays and congestion problems occurring on a daily basis, before, during and after school hours on the east side of Duckworth Avenue.

COMMENTS

Duckworth Street, between Lawrence Avenue West and Thurodale Avenue, operates two-way northbound and southbound. The pavement is 7.5 metres wide with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Stopping is prohibited on the east side of Duckworth Street from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Lawrence Avenue West and Thurodale Street. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times.

Parking is allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Duckworth Street from a point 62 metres north of Thurodale Avenue and a point 72 metres further north thereof. There is an existing school bus loading zone on the west side of Duckworth Street from a point 10 metres north of Thurodale Avenue and a point 52 metres further north thereof. Stopping is prohibited, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Duckworth Street from a point 10 metres north of Thurodale Avenue and a point 52 metres further north thereof. Parking is prohibited at all other times, Monday to Friday, on the west side of Duckworth Street, from a point 62 metres north of Thurodale Avenue and a point 72 metres further north thereof. Duckworth Street with a pavement width of 7.5 metres cannot accommodate parking on both sides of the street, yet maintain two-way traffic.

In view of the safety concerns noted above, the temporary halting of vehicles during the weekday periods is not desirable. While these areas are sometimes used for loading and unloading purposes, the hazard created by parked vehicles on the east side of the street, places pedestrians crossing the road and motorists at risk.

The amendments to the stopping prohibition on the east side of Duckworth Street are appropriate and recommended to accommodate and encourage a safer environment for vehicular traffic and all roadway users.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No 1: Map