



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Coules Court – Bus Loading Zone Extension

Date:	March 8, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	P07049

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the community council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approvals to extend the existing school bus loading zone located on the north side of the north leg of Coules Court in front of St. Ambrose Elementary School and, to amend the limits of the current parking prohibition in this area.

The extension to the existing bus loading zone in conjunction with the parking prohibition amendment are required in order to accommodate school buses that are no longer allowed to use the parking lot of the church located next to the school to load and unload students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. The Etobicoke York Community Council approve the removal of the current school bus loading zone designation from the north side of Coules Court (north leg) between a point 130.0 metres west of Brown’s Line to a point 18.0 metres west thereof;
2. The Etobicoke York Community Council approve the designation of a school bus loading zone on the north side of Coules Court (north leg) between a point 72.0 metres west of Brown’s Line to a point 76.0 metres west thereof;
3. The Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the “No Parking, 8: 00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition from the north side of the north leg of Coules Court between Brown’s Line and a point 114.0 metres west thereof; and

4. The Etobicoke York Community Council approve a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the north side of the north leg of Coules Court between Brown’s Line and a point 72.0 metres west thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$150.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from the Toronto Catholic District School Board, Student Transportation Services Division, to have the existing school bus loading zone located on the north side of the north leg of Coules Court, in front of St. Ambrose Elementary School, extended to the east property line of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. The extension is required to accommodate buses that are no longer permitted to load and unload students in the church parking lot adjacent the school. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Coules Court is a local road in the residential community located south of Evans Avenue and west of Brown’s Line. There are sidewalks on both sides of this street. The posted speed limit on this roadway is 40 km/h.

Currently, parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of the north leg of Coules Court between Brown’s Line and a point 114.0 metres west thereof. Parking is also prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Coules Court between Ecker Drive and a point 77.0 metres north thereof. The existing school bus loading zone is located between the aforementioned no parking areas. A “No Stopping, 8: 00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition exists on the south and east sides of Coules Court between Brown’s Line (north intersection) and a point 193.0 metres west and south thereof.

Currently, school buses that service St. Ambrose Elementary School use the existing school bus loading zone on Coules Court and the adjacent church parking lot to load and unload students. However, due to safety concerns related to traffic congestion and pavement condition in the church parking lot, the church recently decided not to permit school bus loading activities on their property.

As a result, the existing bus loading zone on Coules Court, which can accommodate two full size buses, needs to be extended to the east limit of the church property, to accommodate those school buses that were using the church parking lot for the loading/unloading of students. The church has no objections to the proposed extension of the on-street school bus loading zone eastward to the east limit of their property.

Based on staff's examination of this matter, we recommend the extension of the existing school bus loading zone on the north leg of Coules Court to the east property line of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. In conjunction with the proposed school bus loading zone extension, Transportation Services also recommends the amendment to the limits of the existing daytime parking prohibition on the north side of the north leg of Coules Court.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map