



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Cove Drive – Bus Loading Zone

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke-North
Reference Number:	eycc070070-4898

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 approval to install a school bus loading zone on the west side of Cove Drive within the frontage of The Elms Junior Middle School.

The school bus loading zone is required in order to accommodate school buses which currently use this area without a designated loading zone.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. The Etobicoke York Community Council approve the designation of a school bus loading zone on the west side of Cove Drive between a point 53.0 metres south of Golfdown Drive to a point 45.0 metres south thereof;

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$300.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services and Councillor Rob Ford recently attended a meeting with the staff and parents of The Elms Junior Middle School. At this meeting, concerns were raised regarding the absence of a school bus loading zone and difficulties loading and unloading school buses when private vehicles were parked within the preferred loading zone. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

The Elms Junior Middle School is located on the southwest corner of Golfdown Drive and Cove Drive. Cove Drive and Golfdown Drive have sidewalks on both sides with legal speed limits of 40 km/h. Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the both sides of Cove Drive between Golfdown Drive and a point 170.5 metres south thereof.

Currently, five small buses service the school. These buses load/unload on the west side of Cove Drive. However, there are times in which loading/unloading cannot be accommodated within the preferred zone due to private passenger vehicles stopped picking up or dropping off students, which is legal with the current regulations. The school bus loading zone is appropriate at this location and will dedicate this area for the exclusive use of the school buses. In addition, buses within a school bus loading zone are not required to activate the overhead beacons when stopped to load and unload students.

Based on staff's examination of this matter, we recommend the school bus loading zone on the west side of Cove Drive between a point 53.0 metres south of Golfdown Drive and a point 45.0 metres south thereof. The principal of the school is supportive of this recommendation.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map