

71 Jane Street - Amendments to Parking Regulations- Supplementary Report

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services and Etobicoke York District
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from Councillor Sandercook on the feasibility of relocating a proposed school pick-up/drop-off area, fronting 71 Jane Street, to an alternate location and the possibility of having an existing Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) stop at Jane Street south of Weatherell Street, relocated to north of Weatherell Street.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of October 2, 2007, the Etobicoke York Community Council deferred consideration of the staff report dated January 16, 2007, respecting amendments to the parking regulations at 71 Jane Street, to its meeting of October 30, 2007. Additional information was request on TTC operations in the area and the need to relocate a TTC stop in the vicinity.

COMMENTS

As noted in the report dated January 16, 2007, during school hours parents cannot find parking in the vicinity of the school and as a result, receive parking tickets for parking illegally in front of the school on Jane Street. Parents cannot find parking on adjacent streets in an effort to drop-off or pick-up their children. Staff have assessed a number of local options to provide a Pick-up/Drop-off area so as not to impact on Transit operations.

Specifically, Transportation staff reviewed adjacent streets, such as Weatherell Street, east and west of Jane Street, Armadale Avenue, Nelles Avenue and Folkes Street. These streets all have permit parking, either on an alternate side basis or on one side of the street and are, generally, at capacity at all times. In addition, Weatherell Street has a school bus loading zone east of Jane Street.

The Pick-up/Drop-off area recommended in the January 16, 2007, report should meet the demands for this activity. Staff of TTC have reviewed it and advised that it would not adversely affect current transit operations.

TTC staff, however, do not support its extension or relocation to the north side of Weatherell Street as it would be an impediment as the TTC vehicles leave the existing bus stop just south of Weatherell Street.

Transportation staff also requested comments from the TTC regarding relocating the existing TTC stop on Jane Street, north of Weatherell Street. Currently, the northbound bus stop on Jane Street at Weatherell Street is nearside of the intersection at Weatherell Street on the frontage of the fenced school parking area. This stop is provided with a transit shelter and TTC records indicate this stop has been in this location since 1944. TTC riding counts indicate that a total of 57 customers board and 24 alight at this stop on a daily basis. The preceding stop is located 222 metres to the south, farside of Bloor Street, while the following stop is located 173 metres to the north, farside of Colbeck Street.

The suggested relocation to farside of Weatherell Street would require a relocation of some 50 metres further north and would require the stop to be placed on the residential flankage 36 Weatherell Street. TTC is reluctant to place stops adjacent to residential properties as the actions of TTC customers may tend to be irritating to the occupants of the home. In this case, the stop has been on the frontage of the school yard for well over 60 years. This relocation would also reduce the distance to the following stop to just 123 metres and would require prohibiting parking on the east side of Jane Street north of Weatherell Street, eliminating approximately eight parking spaces. In addition, there is insufficient municipal property to allow for the relocation of the existing shelter to a farside position and is therefore not recommended.

The proposed location best serves the Pick-up/Drop-off needs of parents in the area and is supported by the TTC.

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