

21 Ascot Avenue - Amendment to Parking Regulations

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
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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 propose an amendment to the existing parking regulations on the south side of Ascot Avenue, between St. Clair Gardens and Dufferin Street based on the results of Transportation Services' staff investigation. The adjustment of the existing parking regulations would alleviate traffic conditions in the vicinity of Hudson College/Earlscourt Public School and allow visitor parking on the street for a short durations Monday to Friday.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the parking prohibition at all times on the south side of Ascot Avenue from Dufferin Street to a point 30.5 metres further west;
2. Rescinding the parking prohibition from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Ascot Avenue from a point 30.5 metres west of Dufferin Street and a point 23.0 metres further west;
3. Prohibiting stopping at all times on the south side of Ascot Avenue from Dufferin Street to a point 9.0 metres further west thereof;

4. Allowing parking for a maximum period of ten minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Ascot Avenue from a point 9.0 metres west of Dufferin Street and a point 27.0 metres further west;
5. Prohibiting parking from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Ascot Avenue from a point 9.0 metres west of Dufferin Street and a point 27.0 metres further west; and
6. Prohibiting stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Ascot Avenue from a point 36.0 metres west of Dufferin Street and a point 17.5 metres further west (School Bus Loading Zone).

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Cesar Palacio, on behalf of the Director of Hudson College at 21 Ascot Avenue, Transportation Services staff assessed concerns regarding the vehicle turn-over and traffic queuing problems occurring on a daily basis during school hours on Ascot Avenue between St. Clair Gardens and Dufferin Street.

COMMENTS

Ascot Avenue, fronting the schools, operates one-way eastbound on a pavement width of 7.3 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Ascot Avenue from Harvie Avenue to St. Clair Gardens. Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Ascot Avenue from St. Clair Gardens to Dufferin Street. In addition, parking is prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Ascot Avenue from St. Clair Gardens to Dufferin Street.

Parking is prohibited from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Ascot Avenue, from Dufferin Street to a point 53.5 metres further west, and from a point 76.0 metres west of Dufferin Street to a point 41.5 metres further west. Parking is also prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Ascot Avenue from a point 53.5 metres west of Dufferin Street to a point 14.5 metres further west. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of ten minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Ascot Avenue, from a point 53.5 metres west of Dufferin Street, to a point 14.5 metres further west.

Permit parking operates from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily and parking is allowed for a maximum period of three-hours at all other times on the south side of Ascot Avenue, between St. Clair Gardens and Dufferin Street.

The principal and parents of students of Stella Maris Catholic School have expressed concern regarding the loading and unloading of students on the north side of Ascot Avenue, in a No Stopping zone. This activity requires the students to cross the travelled section of the road (Ascot Avenue) to gain access to and from the school.

To discourage this practice, staff in consultation with the school, are proposing a number of changes to the existing regulation to promote the loading and unloading of students on the south side of the road adjacent to the school, by creating a 10-minute drop-off and pick-up area, and school bus loading zone; additionally, the implementation of a 9.0m No Stopping regulation to the west of Dufferin street, as shown on Drawing No. EY07-285, allowing for an overall safer pedestrian and traffic environment.

In order to create a safer pedestrian and traffic environment in the vicinity of Stella Maris Catholic School and Hudson College/Earlscourt Public School, Transportation Services staff have concluded that the implementation of the parking and stopping regulation changes as outlined in this report, are required on Ascot Avenue between St. Clair Gardens and Dufferin Street.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map
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