



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Regulations: Rosewell Avenue (John Ross Robertson Public School)

Date:	June 12, 2007
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07071tsny (5388)

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision (provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws).

To obtain approval to amend the existing parking and stopping restrictions on the west side of Rosewell Avenue between Glengrove Avenue and Glenview Avenue.

The amendments to the parking and stopping restrictions will address the residents' and school administration's concerns and improve pedestrian safety as well as two-way traffic flow on Rosewell Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. stopping be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Rosewell Avenue, from Glengrove Avenue to a point 95 metres north of Glenview Avenue;
2. parking be prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Rosewell Avenue, from Glengrove Avenue to a point 95 metres north of Glenview Avenue; and

3. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take any action necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendment of the parking regulations on Rosewell Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2007 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by Councillor Karen Stintz, on behalf of the residents of the area and the administration of John Ross Roberston Public School, to review the feasibility of amending the parking/stopping restrictions on Rosewell Avenue in the vicinity of the school.

The residents and school administration are concerned that parking activities on both sides of Rosewell Avenue results in children having to cross between parked vehicles. The Toronto Police Services – Parking Enforcement Unit has also requested that the parking and stopping restrictions be amended to facilitate the proposed implementation of the Parent Safety Program (PSP) at John Ross Robertson Public School.

COMMENTS

In order to identify existing conditions and determine possible pedestrian safety improvements, this Division completed a School Zone Review (SZR).

John Ross Roberston Public School is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Glengrove Avenue and Rosewell Avenue. The regulatory speed limit on Glengrove Avenue is 30 km/h (traffic calming) and on Rosewell Avenue is 40 km/h. Glenview Senior School is also located on the east side of Rosewell Avenue, immediately north of John Ross Robertson Public School. The intersection of Glengrove Avenue and Rosewell Avenue is controlled by an all-way stop control and during arrival and dismissal times, an adult crossing guard is on duty.

The current parking regulations on Rosewell Avenue in the vicinity of the school are as follows:

- Parking is prohibited at any time on the east side from Glengrove Avenue West to Cheritan Avenue;

- Three-hour parking is permitted on the west side from Glengrove Avenue West to a point 95 metres north of Glenview Avenue; and
- Daily parking is prohibited from a point 95 metres north of Glenview Avenue to Cheritan Avenue.

Our observations indicate the current parking practices of parents associated with John Ross Robertson Public School create congestion and disruption to two-way traffic flow and place pedestrians at risk. Parents stopping on the sides of the roads opposite the school necessitates the need for children to cross the road from between parked vehicles. Motorists completing 'U' turns adds to the concerns for congestion and safety.

Toronto Police Services, Parking Enforcement Unit has consulted with the school administration regarding the possibility of implementing a Parent Safety Program (PSP) at this school. The PSP is a community based, non-confrontational program that is designed to address daily traffic and safety problems at schools across the Greater Toronto Area, and encourages parents to provide a safe school environment for their children. The school administration has advised that they are willing to support implementing a PSP on Rosewell Avenue. We concur that John Robertson Public School would be an ideal candidate for the creation of a PSP.

In view of the above findings, this division along with the Toronto Police Services Parking Enforcement Unit recommends that the parking/stopping prohibitions on the west side of Rosewell Avenue, between Glengrove Avenue West and the northerly limit of the school's frontage be amended as follows:

1. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Rosewell Avenue, from Glengrove Avenue to a point 95 metres north of Glenview Avenue;
2. Prohibit parking from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Rosewell Avenue, from Glengrove Avenue West to a point 95 metres north of Glenview Avenue; and
3. Install "School Zone Drop Off/Pick Up" signage on the east side of Rosewell Avenue between Glengrove Avenue West and Glenview Avenue.

These changes will promote student drop off/pick up activities on the side of the road adjacent to the school. This parking practice will decrease the length of time that vehicles are stopped/parked on the road and eliminate the need for children to cross the road from between parked vehicles.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of this division's recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Rosewell Avenue, Parking/Stopping Prohibitions
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