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# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# School Zone Review: Greenland Road (Greenland Public School)

| Date:                | November 1, 2007  |        |
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| То:                  | North York Community Council                                    |        |
| From:                | Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District |        |
| Wards:               | Ward 34 – Don Valley East                                       |        |
| Reference<br>Number: | p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07100tsny                    | (6318) |

# 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 the City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend the existing stopping and parking regulations on Greenland Road, in the vicinity of Greenland Public School and to remove the existing designated School Bus Loading Zone.

The amendments to the stopping and parking regulations and the removal of the School Bus Loading Zone on Greenland Road will address concerns related to student pick-up and drop-off activities in front of the school.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Greenland Road, from a point 61 metres east of the easterly limit of The Donway East to the westerly limit of Plateau Crescent;

- 2. Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the No Parking Anytime prohibition on the south side of Greenland Road, from the easterly limit of The Donway East to the westerly limit of Greenland Road Public School;
- 3. Schedule X of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by installing 15 minute permitted parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Greenland Road, from a point 61 metres east of the east limit of The Donway East to the west limit of Plateau Crescent;
- 4. Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by adding No Parking, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., on the south side of Greenland Road, from a point 61 metres east of the east limit of The Donway East to the west limit of Plateau Crescent;
- 5. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to prohibit Stopping, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Greenland Road, from the east limit of The Donway East to the west limit of Plateau Crescent;
- 6. By-law No. 32759, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the School Bus Loading Zone, on the south side of Greenland Road, from a point 91 metres east of the easterly limit of The Donway East to a point 31 metres easterly thereof; and
- 7. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action deemed necessary to implement the foregoing including the introduction of any bills that are required.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendments to the School Bus Loading Zone, parking and stopping regulations on Greenland Road 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 Denzil Minnan-Wong, on behalf of the Principal of Greenland Public School, to remove the School Bus Loading Zone and amend the parking/stopping prohibitions in front of the school to allow short-term parking. The school administration is concerned that parking activities on both sides of Greenland Road result in children having to cross between parked vehicles during pick-up and dropoff activities.

# COMMENTS

In order to identify existing conditions and determine possible pedestrian safety improvements, staff of this division reviewed the pedestrian and vehicular operation in front of the school.

Greenland Public School is located on the south side of Greenland Road east of The Donway East. The posted speed limit on Greenland Road is 40 km/h.

The current stopping/parking regulations on Greenland Road, in the vicinity of the school are as follows:

- Stopping is currently prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Greenland Road, from 61 metres east of the easterly limit of The Donway East to the westerly limit of Plateau Crescent;
- Parking is currently prohibited anytime on the south side of Greenland Road, from the easterly limit of The Donway East to the westerly limit of Greenland Public School;
- Three-hour parking is permitted on the north side of Greenland Road, from the easterly limit of The Donway East to the northerly limit of Plateau Crescent; and
- There exists a School Bus Loading Zone located on the south side of Greenland Road, from a point 91 metres east of The Donway East to a point 31 metres east

Staff observations have verified that when parents stop their vehicles on the north side of Greenland Road during pick-up and drop-off activities, students are placed at risk when crossing the road, particularly when students cross the road from between parked vehicles.

A number of changes can be made which will promote student drop-off/pick-up activities on the side of the road adjacent to the school. These changes are as follows:

- As per the school's request, staff recommends the removal of the School Bus Loading Zone in front of the school that is not being used, since a new school bus loading facility has been provided within the school property.
- Introduction of a "No Stopping" zone on the north side of Greenland Road, adjacent to the frontage of the school.

• Replacement of the existing "No Stopping" and "No Parking" zone on the south side of Greenland Road with a 15-minute short-term permitted parking zone from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The proposed modifications would 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 Denzil Minnan-Wong has been advised of this division's recommendations.

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## SIGNATURE

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# ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Greenland Road; School Bus Loading Zone and Stopping/Parking Restrictions (nycc07100tsny)

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