



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

School Zone Review: Cliffwood Road (Cliffwood Public School)

Date:	October 31, 2007
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 24 - Willowdale
Reference Number:	p:\2007\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\nycc07104tsny (6325)

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 north and west sides of Cliffwood Road, west of Cherrystone Drive.

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 Cliffwood Road.

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 to delete the “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday”, on the north and west side of Cliffwood Road, from the westerly limit of the south leg of Cherrystone Drive to the southerly limit of Aspenwood Park;

2. Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York , be amended to install “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south and east side of Cliffwood Road, from the west limit of Cherrystone Drive to the north limit of Hawleaf Crescent;
3. Schedule X of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended by adding 15 minute permitted parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north and west side of Cliffwood Road, from the west limit of Cherrystone Drive to the north limit of Hawleaf Crescent; and
4. 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 and stopping prohibitions on Cliffwood Road are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District’s 2007 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor David Shiner on behalf of area residents and representatives of Cliffwood Public School, to review the feasibility of amending the parking/stopping restrictions on Cliffwood Road, in the vicinity of the school in order to increase the level of safety for pedestrians and motorists during student pick-up and drop-off activities.

The residents and school administration are concerned that parking on the south side of Cliffwood Road in front of the school causes children to cross between parked vehicles to access the school on the north side of the road.

COMMENTS

Cliffwood Public School is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Cliffwood Road and Cherrystone Drive. The posted speed limit on Cliffwood Road is 40 km/h.

The current parking regulations on Cliffwood Road in the vicinity of the school are as follows:

- Stopping is prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north and west side, from the westerly limit of the south leg of Cherrystone Drive to the southerly limit of Aspenwood Park; and

- West of Don Mills Road, three-hour parking is permitted on the south, east and north sides of Cliffwood Road, from Don Mills Road (north leg) to Don Mills Road (south leg).

Our observations indicate the current parking practices of parents associated with Cliffwood Road create congestion and disruption of two-way traffic flow and place pedestrians at risk. Vehicles stopped on the side of the road opposite the school, necessitates the need for children to cross the road from between parked vehicles.

In order to improve conditions, staff recommends the introduction of a “No Stopping” zone on the south side of Cliffwood Road opposite the frontage of the school, as well as the replacement of the existing “No Stopping” zone on the north/west side of Cliffwood Road with a 15-minute short-term permitted parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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 David Shiner has been advised of this division’s recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Cliffwood Road; Parking/Stopping Prohibitions (nycc07104tsny)

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