

**Ossington Avenue, fronting St. Luke Catholic School –
Stopping Regulations**

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services has investigated a request to prohibit stopping within a school bus loading zone during school hours only, in order to ensure the space is kept clear for school buses at St. Luke Catholic School.

Stopping can be prohibited within the school bus loading zone during school hours only. This restriction would not adversely affect traffic operation or the safety of other road users. Because a TTC bus route operates on this section of road, this matter must be approved by City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Ossington Avenue, between Harrison Street and a point 70.0 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations.	\$300

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of the Toronto Police Parking Enforcement Unit and in consultation with Mr. Peter Verheyen, Principal, St. Luke Catholic School, Transportation Services staff investigated concerns regarding the school bus loading zone in front of Premises No. 319 Ossington Avenue (St. Luke Catholic School).

COMMENTS

Ossington Avenue is a minor arterial roadway which operates two-way on a pavement width of 12.8 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. The TTC Ossington No. 63 bus route operates on this section of road.

There is an established school bus loading zone on the east side of Ossington Avenue in front of St. Luke Catholic School, immediately north of Harrison Street. Parking is prohibited on the east side of Ossington Avenue during the morning and evening rush hour periods from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times and days.

School officials have advised that the school bus loading area is constantly blocked by vehicles belonging to parents/guardians of children attending the school. This is in spite of the rush period parking regulations that are in place. In order to ensure the area is kept clear for the school buses and to allow parking outside of school hours, school officials have asked that signage indicating stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday be installed within the existing school bus loading zone.

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