

Stanhope Avenue - Daycare Pick-up/Drop-off Area

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29
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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.

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to identify a “Daycare Pick-up/Drop-off Area” at certain times of day on the east side of Stanhope Avenue, north of O’Connor Drive.

This proposal provides parents/guardians with a convenient location to park and accompany younger children to or from a nearby daycare centre. To reduce the impact on local residents, we will allow parking at all times on the west side of this section of the street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. establish a “Daycare Pick-up and Drop-off Area” with parking allowed for a maximum of fifteen minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Stanhope Avenue, north of O’Connor Drive;
2. amend the parking regulations on Stanhope Avenue as follows to enable installation of the “Daycare Pick-up and Drop-off Area”:

- a rescind the “No Parking Anytime” regulation during the months of May, July, September, and November, on the east side of Stanhope Avenue;
- b rescind the “No Parking Anytime” regulation during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December on the west side of Stanhope Avenue;
- c allow parking for a maximum period of fifteen minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Stanhope Avenue from O’Connor Drive to a point 53 metres north thereof;
- d prohibit parking from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, and at all times Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, on the east side of Stanhope Avenue, from O’Connor Drive to a point 53 metres north thereof;
- e prohibit parking at all times during the months of May, July, September, and November on the east side of Stanhope Avenue from a point 53 metres north of O’Connor Drive to Hopedale Avenue; and
- f prohibit parking at all times during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December on the west side of Stanhope Avenue, from a point 53 metres north of O’Connor Drive to Hopedale Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$ 900.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Case Ootes, on behalf of Petite Maison Montessori Daycare Centre asked Transportation Services to look at ways of providing a short-term parking area in the morning and afternoon peak periods near this daycare centre.

COMMENTS

Site Description

Petite Maison Montessori Daycare Centre, 126 O’Connor Drive, is located at Don Mills United Church on the northwest corner of O’Connor Drive and Pape Avenue. The church and adjacent cemetery property back onto Stanhope Avenue. O’Connor Drive and Pape Avenue are major arterial roads. Both streets have public transit service and significant traffic volume. Parking near the O’Connor/Pape intersection is prohibited at all times and stopping is prohibited during peak periods on both streets.

Stanhope Avenue is a local street located one block west of Pape Avenue. This street is residential in character. Traffic on Stanhope Avenue operates two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. Alternate side parking regulations apply with parking allowed for a maximum period of three hours:

- on the east side, during the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, October and December; and
- on the west side, during the months of May, July, September, and November.

With alternate side parking, there are approximately 37 parking spaces on the east side and 28 parking spaces on the west side of Stanhope Avenue.

Investigation

The daycare centre at 126 O'Connor Drive needs short-term parking for parents to pick-up or drop-off children in the periods from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. No parking is provided on the church property. Parking is not allowed on Pape Avenue or O'Connor Drive during these time periods.

Stanhope Avenue is the only nearby street where parents are able to park if spaces are available. Parking spaces on Stanhope Avenue beside the church/cemetery are occupied during most morning and afternoon peak periods. Thus, parents/guardians have no place to legally park to accompany children to/from the day care centre.

Resolution

We could delineate a "Daycare Pick-up and Drop-off Area", with 15-minute maximum parking on the east side of Stanhope Avenue, from O'Connor Drive to a point 53 metres north. It would operate from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking would be prohibited on this section of the street at other times. A total of 8 parking spaces would be provided that could be used by anyone, but would benefit parents/guardians in particular.

Introducing this daycare pick-up and drop-off area would eliminate 8 parking spaces for residents during the months when alternate side parking is on the east side of the street. To compensate for this loss, we would allow parking at all times (4-5 spaces) on the west side of Stanhope Avenue, from O'Connor Drive to a point 53 metres north. The alternate side parking regulation will remain elsewhere on Stanhope Avenue. The existing parking regulations and proposed parking regulations are shown on the prints of Drawing Nos. 421F-8747 and 421F-8748 attached to this report.

We discussed this proposal with residents at a public meeting on March 8, 2007 and their response was favourable.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-8747, dated March 2007
Drawing No. 421F-8748, dated March 2007

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