



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Parking Amendments Surrounding Eglinton Public School**

<b>Date:</b>	May 11, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul's, Ward 22
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07123te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services has been requested by Councillor Michael Walker to relocate the existing school bus loading zone on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, south of Eglinton Avenue East, serving Eglinton Public School, to the south side of Eglinton Avenue East, between Brownlow Avenue and Mount Pleasant Road. Eglinton Public School is bounded by Brownlow Avenue to the west, Eglinton Avenue East to the north and Mount Pleasant Road to the east. This change was requested by Eglinton Public School so that the existing student pick-up and drop-off area on Brownlow Avenue can be expanded. This action would create a school bus loading zone within the eastbound reserved transit lane, which operates during the weekday peak rush periods.

The Toronto Transit Commission has expressed strong opposition to the proposal as it would cause delays to the six TTC bus routes operating on Eglinton Avenue East. Transportation Services is in support of the TTC's position.

In addition, Transportation Services has been requested to remove the pay-and-display parking on west side of Brownlow Avenue, immediately south of Eglinton Avenue East, and replace it with No Stopping to ease congestion on Brownlow Avenue caused in part by student pick-up and drop-off activities.

During the course of our investigation it was noted that there are conflicting parking regulations within Chapter 400 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code. To correct this error, Recommendations Nos. 3 and 4, should be approved.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Transportation Services recommends that Toronto City Council:

1. approve amending the existing pay-and-display parking operation on the west side of Brownlow Avenue, between Eglinton Avenue East and Soudan Avenue to operate from a point 156 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue;
2. approve adjusting the existing no stopping at anytime prohibition on the west side of Brownlow Avenue, from 35.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 117.0 metres further south, to operate from Eglinton Avenue East to a point 156.0 metres further south;
3. approve rescinding the one-hour maximum parking regulation from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the west side of Brownlow Avenue; and
4. approve adjusting the existing no parking regulation from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the south side of Eglinton Avenue East, from Mount Pleasant Road to Brownlow Avenue, to read from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daily.

### Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget	\$500

### ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a meeting attended by Councillor Michael Walker, representatives of the Eglinton Public School, the Toronto Police Service and Transportation Services staff, we have been requested to relocate the existing “School Bus Loading Zone” on Brownlow Avenue to the south side of Eglinton Avenue East, fronting the Eglinton Public School. This action would accommodate expanding the student pick-up and drop-off area on Brownlow Avenue. In addition, to reduce congestion on Brownlow Avenue south of Eglinton Avenue East, the existing pay-and-display parking should also be removed on the west side of the street beside Eglinton Public School.

### COMMENTS

Eglinton Public School is bounded by Brownlow Avenue to the west, Eglinton Avenue East to the north and Mount Pleasant Road to the east. Currently, school bus loading and student pick-up and drop-off activity takes place on Brownlow Avenue.

Eglinton Avenue East, between Brownlow Avenue and Mount Pleasant Road is a five-lane, major arterial roadway with a speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 31,000 vehicles. There are two westbound and three eastbound lanes. The eastbound curb lane is reserved for the exclusive use of buses and taxicabs

between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and parking is prohibited from 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m., daily on the south side of Eglinton Avenue East between Brownlow Avenue and Mount Pleasant Road. Parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours at all other times.

Brownlow Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue operates two-way on a pavement width of 8.6 metres and with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking on the west side of Brownlow Avenue is controlled by pay-and-display machines and operates for a maximum period of two hours from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and for a maximum period of three hours from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Parking on the west side is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at other times. Stopping is prohibited in the areas not controlled by the pay-and-display machines.

Stopping is prohibited on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue East to a point 16.6 metres further south and from a point 75.0 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue. A student pick-up/drop-off area (parking is prohibited) exists from a point 16.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 32.4 metres further south. A school bus loading zone is provided from a point 49.0 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26.0 metres further south.

Mount Pleasant Road in the vicinity of Eglinton Public School, is a four lane arterial road with a speed limit of 50 km/h and has TTC bus service. On the west side, beside Eglinton Public School, stopping is prohibited from Eglinton Avenue East to a point 30.5 metres south and from that point, pay-and-display parking is in operation except from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, when stopping is prohibited.

The Toronto Transit Commission has expressed strong opposition to the establishment of a school bus loading zone on the south side of Eglinton Avenue East, between Brownlow Avenue and Mount Pleasant Road, as it would affect the operation of the eastbound exclusive transit lane during the weekday morning rush period. They have suggested, as an alternative, that Mount Pleasant Road be used for school bus loading. This suggestion was not acceptable. It is our opinion that all loading activities associated with Eglinton Public School should continue to occur on Brownlow Avenue.

To reduce vehicular congestion on the west side of Brownlow Avenue, immediately south of Eglinton Avenue East, the existing pay-and-display parking spaces should be removed and stopping should be prohibited as noted in Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2.

Although the removal of the pay-and-display parking will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion near the intersection of Brownlow Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East, it will result in the loss of four parking spaces in an area where parking is in high demand.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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