



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Prohibit stopping during school hours on Tweedsmuir Avenue, fronting Holy Rosary Catholic School.

<b>Date:</b>	December 20, 2006
<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 21
<b>Report Number:</b>	Ts07008tey.top.doc

#### 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 bus activities at Holy Rosary 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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. Stopping be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue commencing at a point 66 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and terminating at a point 35 metres further north (within the existing school bus loading zone area).

#### 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. Thomas Bonic, Principal, Holy Rosary Catholic School and Councillor Joe Mihevc, Transportation Services staff investigated concerns regarding the school bus loading zone in front of Premises No. 308 Tweedsmuir Avenue (Holy Rosary Catholic School).

## **COMMENTS**

Tweedsmuir Avenue is a local roadway which operates two-way on a pavement width of 9.7 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h.

On the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, parking is allowed at parking meters for a maximum period of four hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday from a point 28 metres south of Heath Street West to a point 55.7 metres further south. Parking is otherwise prohibited at anytime. There is a school bus loading zone in effect in front of Holy Rosary Catholic School. On the east side of the street, parking is also controlled by parking meters and is allowed for a maximum period of four hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

The Highway Traffic Act of Ontario prohibits the stopping of any vehicle (other than a school bus) within an area that has been designated as a school bus loading zone. Given that this is a statutory regulation, signs prohibiting stopping are not required to be posted. School officials have advised that the school bus loading area is constantly blocked by vehicles belonging to parents/guardians of children attending the school. The Parking Enforcement Unit have advised they are reluctant to issue parking tags without the benefit of “No Stopping” signage, based on their experience with the courts. In order to ensure the area is kept clear for the school buses and to allow parking outside of the school hours, school officials have asked, and Councillor Mihevc has concurred, that signage indicating that stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday be installed. In order to accommodate this request, it is necessary to limit the operating hours of the school bus loading zone to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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