

**Williamson Road – change to school bus loading zone  
and student pick-up/drop-off area**

<b>Date:</b>	July 30, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 32
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**SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services is seeking City Council authority to reduce the length of the school bus loading zone on the north side of Williamson Road, in front of Williamson Road and Glen Ames schools, by about 35 metres and to increase the adjacent student pick-up/drop-off area by this distance. In addition, it is recommended that the parking regulations be amended to allow parking in July and August when school is out.

The proposed changes would result in an additional 7 parking spaces for parents picking up or dropping off their children. This may have a positive impact on traffic operations by reducing congestion in front of the schools. Also, allowing parking when school is out will provide about 20 parking spaces during these times.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council:**

1. rescind the school bus loading zone on the north side of Williamson Road, between a point 15 metres west of Wineva Avenue and a point 15 metres east of Hambly Avenue;
2. introduce a school bus loading zone, September 1 to June 30, on the north side of Williamson Road, between a point 9 metres west of Wineva Avenue and a point 29 metres further west;

3. rescind the stopping prohibition, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Williamson Road, between a point 15 metres east of Hambly Avenue and Southwood Drive;
4. prohibit stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, September 1 to June 30, on the north side of Williamson Road, between a point 38 metres west of Wineva Avenue and Southwood Drive;
5. rescind the parking prohibition on the north side of Williamson Road, between Southwood Drive and a point 15 metres west of Wineva Avenue;
6. prohibit parking on the north side of Williamson Road, between Southwood Drive and a point 9 metres west of Wineva Avenue;
7. rescind the 10-minute parking regulation, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Williamson Road, between a point 42.5 metres east of Lee Avenue and a point 15 metres east of Hambly Avenue; and
8. parking be limited to 10 minutes, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, September 1 to June 30, on the north side of Williamson Road, between a point 42.5 metres east of Lee Avenue and a point 38 metres west of Wineva Avenue.

### Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$1000.00

### ISSUE BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2007, after extensive consideration of different options, the Principals of Williamson Road and Glen Ames Public Schools and the area School Trustee requested that the dimension of the school bus loading zone and student pick-up/drop-off area in front of the schools be modified to improve pick-up/drop-off operations. This is a short term and inexpensive measure to provide more pick-up/drop-off area for children.

The proposal involved reducing the length of the school bus loading zone by about 35 metres and increasing the student pick-up/drop-off area by this same distance. Also, a request was made to allow parking in July and August when school is out the loading zone and pick-up/drop-off area are not needed.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Existing Conditions**

Glen Ames and Williamson Road schools are located on the north side of Williamson Road, which runs east from Lee Avenue to Southwood Drive. From west to east in front of the school the existing student pick-up/drop-off area and school bus loading zone total approximately 120 metres in length. Parking is allowed for up to 3 hours outside the times of the student pick-up/drop-off area and school bus loading zone. The Toronto Transit Commission #64 Main route operates on Williamson Road.

### **Proposed changes to parking regulations**

The Principals of Glen Ames and Williamson Road schools have agreed that the full length of the school bus loading zone is not needed. Therefore, it is possible to reduce the length of the bus loading zone by about 35 metres and to increase the length of the student pick-up/drop-off area by this distance. This would result in an additional 7 parking spaces during school days for parents wishing to pick-up or drop-off their children. Also, this may have a positive impact on traffic operations by reducing congestion in front of the school.

Additionally, amending the parking regulations associated with the school bus loading zone and student pick-up/drop-off area in order to allow parking when school is out (July and August) would provide approximately 20 additional parking spaces during these times. This parking would be subject to a 3 hour time limit.

The above changes would have no impact on TTC operations. Attached Drawing No. 421F-8808 depicts the existing and proposed parking regulations.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421F-8808, dated May 2007

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