



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Gledhill Avenue – school bus loading and student pick-up/drop-off at D. A. Morrison Middle School

Date:	October 3, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
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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 "School Bus Loading Zone" and a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" with a maximum 10-minute parking limit at certain times of day on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, north of Lumsden Avenue at D. A. Morrison Middle School.

These measures will enhance safety for children, minimize conflicts between private vehicles and school buses, and improve loading operations during peak arrival and dismissal times at this school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. amend the parking regulations on Gledhill Avenue as follows to enable installation of a "School Bus Loading Zone" and "Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area":
 - (a) rescind the "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from Lumsden Avenue to Cosburn Avenue;

- (b) prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from Lumsden Avenue to a point 65 metres north;
- (c) prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from a point 28 metres north of Barker Avenue to Cosburn Avenue;
- (d) implement a "School Bus Loading Zone", on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from a point 65 metres north of Lumsden Avenue to Barker Avenue;
- (e) prohibit stopping, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays, on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from a point 65 metres north of Lumsden Avenue to Barker Avenue;
- (f) prohibit parking, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday and anytime Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays, on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from a point 65 metres north of Lumsden Avenue to Barker Avenue;
- (g) allow parking for a maximum period of ten minutes, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from Barker Avenue to a point 28 metres north; and
- (h) prohibit parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, and at all times Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from Barker Avenue to a point 28 metres north.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$900.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Janet Davis, on behalf of the Principal, D.A. Morrison Middle School and Chair, D.A. Morrison School Advisory Council, asked Transportation Services to identify a "School Bus Loading Zone" and a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area", with short-term parking at this school. The intent is to promote a safer environment for children, provide co-ordinated loading operations and discourage unlawful parking at school arrival/dismissal times.

COMMENTS

Site Description

D.A. Morrison Middle School is located on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, between Lumsden Avenue and a point about 50 metres north of Barker Avenue. Gledhill Avenue is a local street operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a speed limit of 30 km/h. Speed humps are installed on this street. There is no TTC service on Gledhill Avenue.

Parking regulations on Gledhill Avenue, in the vicinity of D.A. Morrison Middle School are as follows:

East Side

- No Parking Anytime, from Lumsden Avenue to Cosburn Avenue.

West Side

- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Investigation

No formal loading areas either for school buses or parents transporting children to/from the school are located on streets abutting D. A. Morrison Middle School. Staff observed the following activities.

School Bus Loading:

- School buses pick-up and drop-off children on the east side of Gledhill Avenue near Barker Avenue. Loading/unloading takes place at the curb beside the school. Students are not required to cross the street but bus drivers must activate the red flashing lights during loading/unloading operations, bringing traffic flow to a stop on Gledhill Avenue.

Other Pick-up/Drop-off Operations

- Parents/guardians park unlawfully on the east side of Gledhill Avenue along the school property when transporting children to/from the school. These cars often conflict with school buses, preventing them from pulling up at the curb.

Parents/guardians and school buses need to be able to safely stop and park for short periods of time and drop-off or pick up students during arrival and dismissal times at D. A. Morrison Middle School.

Resolution

Identifying a separate “Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area” and “School Bus Loading Zone” will segregate the two types of loading/unloading activity happening at the school, minimize conflict between school buses and private vehicles and provide a safer environment for children.

Transportation Services recommends providing a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" with parking allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from Barker Avenue to a point 28 metres further north. This will allow about 6 cars to use this area at any given time. The Principal of D.A. Morrison Middle School has confirmed that the time periods noted are appropriate for the 10-minute maximum parking regulation.

Identifying a "School Bus Loading Zone" on the east side of Gledhill Avenue, from a point 65 metres north of Lumsden Avenue to Barker Avenue will provide school buses with an area near the entrance to D.A. Morrison Middle School where they can stop to load/unload. Buses will not have to activate their flashing lights so traffic flow on Gledhill Avenue will be maintained. Stopping will be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in the School Bus Loading Zone. School buses are exempt from this regulation and will have exclusive use of this area during the hours of operation.

These proposals are shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-9086, dated September, 2007.

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ATTACHMENT

Drawing No. 421F-9086, dated September 2007

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