



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Bond Street – changes to the student pick-up/drop-off zone

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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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 seeking approval to change the hours of operation and the length of the student pick-up/drop-off zone on the east side of Bond Street, just north of Shuter Street fronting St. Michael’s Choir School.

The proposed changes would result in an additional 5 parking spaces for parents picking up or dropping off their children at St. Michael’s Choir School. This may have a positive impact on traffic operations by reducing congestion in front of the school. Also, extending the hours of operation of the student pick-up and drop-off zone to commence at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. should enhance the transportation needs for those students attending this school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. rescind the parking prohibition currently in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on the east side of Bond Street from 35.1 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 77.7 metres further north;

2. rescind the standing prohibition currently in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on the east side of Bond Street from 35.1 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 77.7 metres further north;
3. rescind the one hour parking regulation currently in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of Bond Street from Queen Street East to a point 35.1 metres north of Shuter Street;
4. rescind the one hour parking regulation currently in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of Bond Street from a point 112.8 metres north of Shuter Street to Dundas Street East;
5. amend the regulation authorizing the operation of parking machines between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and between 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday for a maximum period of 3 hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour on the east side of Bond Street, from Queen Street East to a point 35.1 metres north of Shuter Street, to be in effect from Queen Street East to Shuter Street;
6. allow parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Bond Street from a point 17.5 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 40.9 metres further north;
7. prohibit parking from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and at anytime Saturday and Sunday, on the east side of Bond Street from a point 17.5 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 40.9 metres further north;
8. allow parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Bond Street from a point 83 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 29.5 metres further north; and
9. prohibit parking from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and at anytime Saturday and Sunday, on the east side of Bond Street from a point 83 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 29.5 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2007 Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Kyle Rae on behalf of St. Michael's Choir School, staff of Transportation Services was asked to investigate lengthening and amending the hours of operation of the existing student pick-up/drop-off zone fronting the school to enhance transportation needs of the students and improve traffic operations in the area.

City Council on November 25, 26, and 27, 1998 adopted Clause No. 54 of Report No. 14 of Toronto Community Council without amendment and in doing so approved a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off" zone on the east side of Bond Street, north of Shuter Street (fronting St. Michael's Choir School). However, we have determined that the Bill for this traffic regulation change was not prepared by staff and subsequently not introduced for Council's approval. However, signs were installed. Accordingly, this report corrects this error and adjusts the length and operating times of the existing "Student Pick-up/Drop-off" zone as requested by St. Michael's Choir School.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

St. Michael's Choir School is located on the east side of Bond Street between Shuter Street and Dundas Street East. This section of Bond Street is classified as a local roadway, operating two-way (northbound and southbound) on a pavement width of 8.5 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. A mid-block pedestrian crossover is located approximately 70 metres north of Shuter Street to enhance crossing safety for students of the school. There is no transit service on Bond Street.

The following parking regulations are currently signed on this section of Bond Street.

East Side

- a student pick-up/drop-off zone is designated from a point 17.5 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 40.9 metres further north. Within this zone, parking is allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and parking is prohibited at all other times;
- standing is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from a point 83 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 29.5 metres further north; and
- pay and display parking operates from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday between 112 metres north of Shuter Street to Dundas Street East.

Additionally, corner prohibitions exist on both sides of Bond Street at Shuter Street and at Dundas Street East and stopping is prohibited at the pedestrian crossover from approximately 58 metres north of Shuter Street to a point 25 metres further north.

West Side

- parking is prohibited at all times (for a Commercial Loading Zone) from Dundas Street East to a point 22 metres further south;
- standing is prohibited at all times (for a Tour Bus Loading Zone) from 22 metres south of Dundas Street East to a point 11 metres further south;
- standing is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday from a point 64 metres south of Dundas Street East to a point 34.8 metres further south; and
- parking is prohibited at all times from 33 metres south of Dundas Street East to Shuter Street.

Investigation

St. Michael's Choir School has students from Grades 3 to 12 that come from all over the City of Toronto. There is a high demand for pick-up/drop-off of students. The existing Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off zone allows for short term parking of 8 vehicles during arrival/dismissal times.

The existing No Standing zone allows for pick-up/drop-off of students but parents are not allowed to leave their vehicles. As a result, parents are regularly receiving tickets.

The principal of St. Michael's Choir School has also requested that the hours of operation of the pick-up/drop-off zone be changed to 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to better accommodate arrival/dismissal times at the school.

Proposed changes to parking regulations

It is possible to provide a second student pick-up/drop-off zone north of the pedestrian crossover within the current "No Standing" zone. This would result in an additional 5 short-term parking spaces for parents.

In addition, the operating times of both student pick-up/drop-off zones can be changed as requested by the school.

These proposed changes will have no impact on traffic operations on Bond Street, and will not affect the parking regulations on the west side of the street.

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