



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Emily Avenue and Whitfield Avenue – Parking Amendments

<b>Date:</b>	June 9, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 7 – York West
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc080090-to

#### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to propose the installation of a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation opposite Venerable John Merlini Catholic School on Emily Avenue and Whitfield Avenue. In addition, amend the existing “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the school side of Emily Avenue and Whitfield Avenue to “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” which will allow student pick-up and drop-off.

These proposed regulations will reduce the potential for vehicles to be parked on both sides of the respective streets thereby reducing congestion near the school and the need for students to cross the road between parked vehicles.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. Rescinding the existing “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side of Emily Avenue between the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue to 204.35 metres south of the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue.
2. Rescinding the existing “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Whitfield Avenue between the easterly limit of Emily Avenue to the easterly limit of Hillside Road.

3. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the west side of Emily Avenue between the south limit of Whitfield Avenue and a point 221.0 metres south of the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue.
4. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the north side of Whitfield Road between the westerly limit of Emily Avenue to the westerly limit of Hillside Road.
5. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side of Emily Avenue between the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue and a point 89.0 metres south of the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue.
6. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side of Emily Avenue between a point 108.0 metres south of the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue to a point 221.0 metres south of the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue.
7. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Whitfield Avenue between the westerly limit of Hillside Road and a point 32.0 metres westerly thereof, within the school bus loading zone.
8. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side of Emily Avenue between a point 89.0 metres south of the southerly limit of Whitfield Avenue and a point 19.0 metres southerly thereof, within the school bus loading zone.

## Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,400.00

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services and Toronto Police Services, Parking Enforcement Unit recently attended a meeting regarding the implementation of the Parent Safety Program (P.S.P) at Venerable John Merlini Catholic School. At the meeting, concerns were raised regarding the untypical parking regulations which currently exist in the area of the school.

The current parking regulations allow parking for a maximum of three hours on the side of the road opposite the school and directly opposite a school bus loading zones. This condition can create significant traffic congestion in the area with cars/buses on both sides of these relatively narrow roads. In addition, it creates a condition in which students are walking out from behind parked cars and buses to access vehicles parked legally on the opposite side of the school. Maps of the area are Attachment Nos. 1 & 2.

## COMMENTS

Venerable John Merlini Catholic School is located on the corner of Emily Avenue and Whitfield Avenue within the residential community located to the west of Islington Avenue and to the south of Steeles Avenue West. Both streets are built to urban standards (curb and gutter) with sidewalks located on the school side of their respective streets.

Currently “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions exist on both Emily Avenue and Whitfield Avenue along the school frontage. In addition there are two school bus loading zones for Venerable John Merlini Catholic School, both of which are located directly in front of the school with one located on Emily Avenue and the other on Whitfield Avenue. The current regulations allow parking opposite the school for a maximum of three hours on both streets. Apted Park is located to the south of the school property. The current parking regulations on Emily Avenue allow for parking along a portion of the park frontage.

Based on the results of our studies, and consultation with school staff, it is recommended that the existing school bus loading zones remain in their current form. However, it is recommended that the existing parking regulations be amended on Emily Avenue and Whitfield Avenue, in the area of the school, to “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the school side of the streets and “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the opposite side.

The proposed regulations will allow parents/caregivers to pick-up and drop-off students within the areas designated as “No Parking”. This will reduce the potential for students to walk between parked cars and buses, as it will be illegal to park opposite the school. In addition to improving safety in the area of the school, it will reduce congestion near the school and be more typical of what exists at most schools (i.e. school side parking/opposite side no stopping). Although at the time of our studies the P.S.P. was not operational, we have since been advised that the school has implemented this program. Our recommendations will complement this program and we have discussed with the school’s principal these recommendations. Additionally, in order to accommodate parents/caregivers who still wish to accompany their children into the school, an area will be retained to the south of the school along the Apted Park frontage in which parking will be allowed.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Map existing conditions  
Attachment No. 2: Map proposed conditions