

**Folkes Street - Amendment to Parking Regulations
(71 Jane Street - Supplementary Report).**

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 13 - Parkdale-High Park
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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.

The purpose of this report is to rescind a maximum period of 60 minutes parking regulation on the north side of Folkes Street, west of Jane Street and propose an amendment to the existing 3-hour parking regulations on the north side of Folkes Street, between Jane Street and Rivercrest Road based on the results of Transportation Services staff investigation.

Staff recommends rescinding the maximum period of 60 minutes parking regulation on this section of Folkes Street to give parents opportunities to park for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This new regulation will provide for greater turn-around opportunity, to accommodate more parents wishing to drop-off and pick-up their children.

The implementation of less restrictive parking regulations would allow student pick-up and drop-off activities to occur at this location for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday to service St. Pius X Catholic School located at 71 Jane Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing 60 minutes parking regulation from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the north side of Folkes Street from Jane Street and the west City limit (former City of Toronto, a point 38.3 metres west of Jane Street); including enacting the associated by-law.
2. Allowing parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Folkes Street, between Jane Street and Rivercrest Road.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of November 27, 2007, the Etobicoke York Community Council directed the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District to implement a pilot study for a period of six months, on a student drop off zone on Folkes Street west of Jane Street, for a distance to be determined by staff.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of October 2, 2007, the Etobicoke York Community Council deferred consideration of the staff report dated January 16, 2007, respecting amendments to the parking regulations at 71 Jane Street, to its meeting of October 30, 2007. Additional information was requested on Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operations in the area and the need to relocate a TTC stop in the vicinity.

As noted in the report dated January 16, 2007, during school hours parents cannot find parking in the vicinity of the school and as a result, receive parking tickets for parking illegally in front of the school on Jane Street. Parents cannot find parking on adjacent streets in an effort to drop-off or pick-up their children. Staff have assessed a number of local options to provide a Pick-up/Drop-off area so as not to impact on transit operations.

Specifically, Transportation staff reviewed adjacent streets, such as Weatherell Street, east and west of Jane Street, Armadale Avenue, Nelles Avenue and Folkes Street. These streets all have permit parking, either on an alternate side basis or on one side of the street and are, generally, at capacity at all times. In addition, Weatherell Street has a school bus loading zone east of Jane Street.

The Pick-up/Drop-off area recommended in the January 16, 2007, report should meet the demands for this activity. Staff of TTC have reviewed it and advised that it would not adversely affect current transit operations.

TTC staff, however, do not support its extension or relocation to the north side of Weatherell Street as it would be an impediment as the TTC vehicles leave the existing bus stop just south of Weatherell Street.

Transportation staff also requested comments from the TTC regarding relocating the existing TTC stop on Jane Street, north of Weatherell Street. Currently, the northbound bus stop on Jane Street at Weatherell Street is nearside of the intersection at Weatherell Street on the frontage of the fenced school parking area. This stop is provided with a transit shelter and TTC records indicate this stop has been in this location since 1944. TTC riding counts indicate that a total of 57 customers board and 24 alight at this stop on a daily basis. The preceding stop is located 222 metres to the south, far side of Bloor Street, while the following stop is located 173 metres to the north, far side of Colbeck Street.

The suggested relocation to far side of Weatherell Street would require a relocation of some 50 metres further north and would require the stop to be placed on the residential flankage of 36 Weatherell Street. TTC is reluctant to place stops adjacent to residential properties as the actions of TTC customers may tend to be irritating to the occupants of the home. In this case, the stop has been on the frontage of the school yard for well over 60 years. This relocation would also reduce the distance to the following stop to just 123 metres and would require prohibiting parking on the east side of Jane Street north of Weatherell Street, eliminating approximately eight parking spaces. In addition, there is insufficient municipal property to allow for the relocation of the existing shelter to a far side position and is therefore not recommended.

The proposed location best serves the Pick-up/Drop-off needs of parents in the area and is supported by the TTC.

COMMENTS

Folkes Street, between Jane Street and Rivercrest Road operates two-way on a pavement width of 8.6 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Folkes Street, between Jane Street and Rivercrest Road. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of 60 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., daily on the north side of Folkes Street, between Jane Street and a point 38.3 metres further west. Permit parking is not in effect on Folkes Street, between Jane Street and Rivercrest Road and parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times.

Observations revealed that motorists outside of Ward 13 area park on Folkes Street for extended periods while using the subway at the Jane Street subway station. Introducing a student pick-up and drop-off zone to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, will dramatically reduce the amount of transient parking currently occurring on the north side of Folkes Street, between Jane Street and Rivercrest Road, that impact residents, and will provide a better opportunity for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children attending St. Pius X Catholic School at 71 Jane Street.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map
Attachment No. 2: Map