



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Laughton Avenue, between Hounslow Heath Road, and
St. Clair Avenue West – Amendment to Parking
Regulations**

Date:	October 24, 2008
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 – Davenport
Reference Number:	p:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc080158-to

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to relocate the existing School Bus Loading Zone from the west side of Laughton Avenue to the north side of Hounslow Heath Road and also adjust the existing parking regulations on the west side of Laughton Avenue and both sides of Hounslow Heath Road west of Laughton Avenue.

The proposed relocation of the School Bus Loading Zone and the proposed parking amendments will address the concerns related to the traffic congestion created by the existing School Bus Loading Zone, on the west side of Laughton Avenue north of Hounslow Heath Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing parking regulations on the west side of Laughton Avenue, north of Laughton Avenue and on both sides of Hounslow Heath Road, west of Laughton Avenue, listed in Appendix “A” of this report.
2. Enacting the proposed parking regulations on the west side of Laughton Avenue, north of Laughton Avenue and on both sides of Hounslow Heath Road, west of Laughton Avenue, listed in Appendix “B” of this report.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Cesar Palacio, in consultation with Mr. George Vicente, Principal of Pope Paul VI Catholic School, requested Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, to investigate the feasibility of relocating the existing School Bus Loading Zone from the west side of Laughton Avenue to the north side of Hounslow Heath Road and implementing a no stopping prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday along this section of roadway, in order to alleviate the traffic congestion created by the existing School Bus Loading Zone.

COMMENTS

Laughton Avenue, between Hounslow Heath Road and St. Clair Avenue West, is a collector roadway with a width of 7.3 metres and an existing speed limit of 40 km/h.

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the west of Laughton Avenue, between Davenport Road and St. Clair Avenue West. Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the east of Laughton Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 41.1 metres south thereof. Parking is currently prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east of Laughton Avenue, between a point 41.1 metres south St. Clair Avenue West and Talbot Avenue.

Parking is currently allowed for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Laughton Avenue, between Davenport Road and Talbot Avenue. Permit parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on the east side of Laughton Avenue, between Davenport Road and Talbot Avenue and parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West, is a local roadway with a width of 8.6 metres and an existing speed limit of 40 km/h. The intersection of Hounslow Heath Road and Laughton Avenue is controlled by an All-Way Stop control.

Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the east and north sides of Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West. Standing is currently prohibited at all times on the west side of Hounslow Heath Road, between St. Clair Avenue West and a point 15 metres further south.

Parking is currently allowed for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west and south sides of Hounslow Heath Road, between a point 15 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and Spring Grove Avenue.

Permit parking is in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on the west and south sides of Hounslow Heath Road, between a point 15 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and Laughton Avenue and parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

On-site observations at the school bus loading zone revealed that when buses park on the west side of Laughton Avenue, together with the high demand for on-street parking in the vicinity of the school area while parents are picking-up and dropping-off students, there is a great deal of congestion and confusion. Additionally, vehicles park illegally on the east and west sides of Laughton Avenue south of St. Clair Avenue West and block the traffic flow.

In order to address these issues of congestion on Laughton Avenue immediately in front of the school, staff have concluded, and the school has agreed that relocating the current “School Bus Loading Zone” from the west side of Laughton Avenue to the north side of Hounslow Heath Road, west of Laughton Avenue would alleviate any of these concerns.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Map - Existing Parking Regulations
Attachment No. 2: Map - Proposed Parking Regulations

Appendix “A”

No Parking Certain Times be rescinded:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Days
Laughton Avenue	West	Davenport Road and St. Clair Avenue West	Anytime
Hounslow Heath Road	East and North	Laughton Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West	Anytime

School Bus Loading Zones be rescinded:

Highway	Location
Laughton Avenue	West side, between a point 65 metres north of Hounslow Heath Road and a point 48 metres further north thereof

Time Limit Parking be rescinded:

Highway	Side	Between	Times or Days	Maximum Period Permitted
Laughton Avenue	East	Davenport Road and a point 41.1 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.	60 mins.
Hounslow Heath Road	South and West	St. Clair Avenue West and Laughton Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Sat.	60 mins.

Appendix “B”

No Stopping be enacted:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Days
Laughton Avenue	West	Laughton Avenue, between a point 65 metres north of Hounslow Heath Road and a point 48 metres further north thereof	From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday
Hounslow Heath Road	North	Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and a point 37 metres further west thereof	From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday
Hounslow Heath Road	South	Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and a point 30 metres west thereof	From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday

No Parking Certain Times be enacted:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Days
Laughton Avenue	West	Laughton Avenue, between a point 65 metres north of Hounslow Heath Road and a point 48 metres further north thereof	All other times, from 6:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m., Monday to Friday, Saturdays and Sundays
Laughton Avenue	West	Laughton Avenue, between Davenport Road and a point 65 metres north of Hounslow Heath Road and between a point 113 metres north of Hounslow Heath Road and St. Clair Avenue West	Anytime
Hounslow Heath Road	North	Hounslow Heath Road, between Laughton Avenue and a point 37 metres further west thereof	All other times, from 6:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m., Monday to Friday, Saturdays and Sundays
Hounslow Heath Road	East and North	Hounslow Heath Road, between a point 37 metres west of Laughton Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West	Anytime

School Bus Loading Zones be enacted:

Highway	Location
Hounslow Heath Road	North side, between Laughton Avenue and a point 37 metres further west thereof

Time Limit Parking be enacted:

Highway	Side	Between	Times or Days	Maximum Period Permitted
Laughton Avenue	East	Davenport Road and Talbot Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.	60 mins.
Hounslow Heath Road	South and West	A point 15 metres south of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 30 metres west of Laughton Avenue	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Sat.	60 mins.
Hounslow Heath Road	South	Laughton Avenue and a point 30 metres west there of	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sat.	60 mins.