



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

School Zone Review: Briar Hill Avenue (Briar Hill Junior School)

Date:	March 12, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 15 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	p:\2008\ClusterB\TRA\NorthYork\ny08039 (7326)

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend the existing parking and stopping restrictions on the north and south sides of Briar Hill Avenue, in the vicinity of Briar Hill Public School

Amendments to the parking and stopping restrictions will address the residents’ and school administration’s concerns and improve pedestrian safety as well as two-way traffic flow on Briar Hill Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. By-law Nos. 196-84 and 2958-94, of the former City of York , be amended to delete the No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays prohibition on the north side of Briar Hill Avenue, from a point 30 metres east of Dufferin Street and a point 36 metes east thereof;

2. Municipal Code 997, Schedule 'A' of the former City of York, be amended by deleting the School Bus Loading Zone, on the north side of Briar Hill Avenue, from a point 66 metres east of Dufferin Street to a point 15 metres easterly thereof;
3. By-law Nos. 196-84 and 2958-94, of the former City of York, be amended by installing a No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday prohibition on the south side of Briar Hill Avenue, from Dufferin Street to a point 145 metres east;
4. By-law Nos. 196-84 and 2958-94, of the former City of York, be amended by installing 15 minute Permitted Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday restriction on the north side of Briar Hill Avenue, from a point 30 metres east of Dufferin Street to a point 66 metres east; and
5. Municipal Code 997, Schedule 'A', of the former City of York, be amended by adding a School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Briar Hill Avenue, from a point 66 metres east of Dufferin Street to a point 35 metres east

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendment of the parking and stopping prohibitions on Briar Hill Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2008 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Howard Moscoe, on behalf of area residents and the principal of Briar Hill Junior School, to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking/stopping restrictions on Briar Hill Avenue, in the vicinity of the school.

The above-noted request was submitted to this division in order to increase the level of safety for pedestrians and motorists during student pick-up and drop-off activities. Residents and the school administration are concerned that vehicles parked on the south side of Briar Hill Avenue force children to cross between parked vehicles to access the school on the north side of the road.

COMMENTS

Briar Hill Junior School is located on the north side of Briar Hill Avenue, east of Dufferin Street. There are municipal sidewalks on both sides of the road, with a slight 'S' curve in front of the main entrance to the school and driveway access. With speed humps installed on this section of road, the posted speed limit on Briar Hill Avenue is 30 km/h.

The current parking/stopping restrictions on Briar Hill Avenue are as follows:

South Side

- No Parking Anytime, from Dufferin Street to Locksley Avenue

North Side

- No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Dufferin Street to a point 66 metres east;
- Three-hour parking, from a point 142 metres east of Dufferin Street to Locksley Avenue;
- No Stopping Anytime, from a point 66 metres east of Dufferin Street to a point 76 metres easterly thereof; and
- School Bus Loading Zone (SBLZ), from a point 66 metres east of Dufferin Street to a point 15 metres easterly thereof

During the completion of the School Zone Review (SZR), staff of this division observed motorists parking on both sides of Briar Hill Avenue. This activity restricts the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and promotes students crossing the road from between parked vehicles. Staff also observed motorists utilizing the residential driveways to turn around, which further restricts the flow of traffic.

Based upon our observations, the current parking/stopping restrictions on Briar Hill Avenue are not adequately addressing the needs of Briar Hill Junior School. In order to improve traffic conditions, this division would recommend that stopping during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods be prohibited on the south side of the roadway and that short-term

(15 minute) parking be implemented on the north side of the roadway. These changes will promote student drop-off/pick-up activities on the side of the road adjacent to the school. Furthermore, this parking practice will decrease the length of time that vehicles are stopped/parked on the road and eliminate the need for children to cross the road from between parked vehicles.

Councillor Howard Moscoe has been advised of this division's recommendations.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Briar Hill Av; School Zone Review (ny08039_map1)
Attachment 2: Map – Briar Hill Av; Parking/Stopping Amendments (ny08039_map2)