

**School Zone Review: St. Clements Avenue and
Castlefield Avenue (Allenby Public School)**

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
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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 both sides of St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue, in the vicinity of Allenby 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 St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that:

1. the existing no parking 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. prohibition on the north side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 111.3 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 61.0 metres further west, be deleted;

2. the existing no parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 62 metres further west thereof, be deleted;
3. the existing no parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 49.5 metres further west thereof, be deleted;
4. the existing no stopping, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 99 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road, be deleted;
5. parking be prohibited at anytime on both sides of St. Clements Avenue, from Avenue Road to a point 37 metres west;
6. a 10 minute Permitted Parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, restriction on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road (student drop-off / pick-up zone), be installed;
7. a no stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 170 metres west of Avenue Road , be installed;
8. a no stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of St. Clements Avenue, from a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 170 metres west of Avenue Road , be installed
9. the existing no parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 109.7 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 41.1 metres further west, be deleted;
10. the existing no parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 34 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 56.5 metres further west thereof, be deleted;
11. the existing no parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 97 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 12.5 metres further west thereof, be deleted;
12. the existing no stopping, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from Avenue Road to a point 34 metres west thereof, be deleted;

13. the existing no stopping, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 90.5 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 6.5 metres further west thereof, be deleted;
14. a 10 minute Permitted Parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, restriction on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 21 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 90 metres west of Avenue Road (student drop-off / pick-up zone), be installed;
15. parking be prohibited at anytime on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 90 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 96 metres west of Avenue Road;
16. parking be prohibited, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 96 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 110 metres west of Avenue Road;
17. a no stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 15 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 190 metres west of Avenue Road , be installed; and
18. a no stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side of Castlefield Avenue, from a point 110 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 172 metres west of Avenue Road , be installed

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Karen Stintz, on behalf of area residents and school administration of Allenby Public School, to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking/stopping restrictions on St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield 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 both sides of the roadways force children to cross between parked vehicles, obstruct motorist visibility of children and restricts two-way traffic flow.

COMMENTS

Allenby Public School is located on the south side of St. Clements Avenue, west of Avenue Road and north of Castlefield Avenue. The main entrance to the school is located on St. Clements Avenue with access to the parking lot from Castlefield Avenue only. Sidewalks are located on both sides of St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue. The posted speed limit on St. Clements Avenue is 30 km/h and 40 km/h on Castlefield Avenue. It should be noted that the 30 km/h speed limit on St. Clements Avenue is due to the fact that traffic calming (speed humps) exists on this section of roadway.

The current parking/stopping prohibitions associated with the school are as follows:

St. Clements Avenue

- No Parking Anytime on both sides, from Avenue Road to a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road;
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours on the north side, from a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 111 metres west of Avenue Road;
- No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on the north side, from a point 111 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 172 metres west of Avenue Road;
- No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side, from a point 37 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 99 metres west of Avenue Road (pick-up and drop-off zone);
- No Stopping, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side, from a point 99 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 121 metres west of Avenue Road; and
- No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side, from a point 121 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 171.2 metres west of Avenue Road (School Bus Loading Zone).

Castlefield Avenue

- No Stopping, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side, from Avenue Road to a point 34 metres west of Avenue Road;
- No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side, from a point 34 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 109 metres west of Avenue Road (pick-up and drop-off zone);
- No Stopping, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side, from a point 109 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 172 metres west of Avenue Road;
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours on the south side, from Avenue Road to a point 110 metres west and a point 172 metres west of Avenue Road to Rosewell Avenue; and

- No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, on the south side, from a point 109 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 172 metres west of Avenue Road.

It should also be noted that although it would not affect the daytime parking activities associated with the school, permit parking (12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) is provided on both sides of both roadways.

Staff of this division conducted School Zone Reviews on both St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue and reviewed the current traffic operations on both roadways. The results of these studies are as follows:

Parking Activity:

Location	Study Periods			
	8:00 - 9:00	11:45 - 12: 15	12:45 - 1:15	3:00 - 4:00
St. Clements Avenue				
On Street School Side Parking	40	5	14	17
On Street Opposite Side Parking	20	5	3	10
School Parking Lot IN	20	0	0	0
OUT	0	0	0	0
Totals	80	10	17	27
Castlefield Avenue				
On Street School Side Parking	34	9	12	20
On Street Opposite Side Parking	7	1	4	6
School Parking Lot IN	18	0	0	0
OUT	0	0	0	0
Totals	59	10	16	26

Staff observations have indicated that the busiest time period for drop-off activity at the school is between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.. During this time period, staff observed that two-way traffic flow was restricted and one direction of traffic was required to stop in order to allow the opposing direction to proceed. This situation occurred on both roadways, and can be attributed to the fact that on-street parking is permitted on both roadways on the opposite sides of the school during the day. Given that all the school bus activity is located on St. Clements Avenue, this roadway experiences a greater degree of congestion.

In February 2007, the Parent Safety Program commenced on the north side of Castlefield Avenue adjacent to the walkway into the school. Our observations have indicated that the Parent Safety Program is working very well and has reduced the vehicle stopping time on Castlefield Avenue and provides an improved level of safety for the children.

Based upon our observations the current parking/stopping prohibitions/restrictions on St. Clements Avenue and Castlefield Avenue are not adequately addressing the current needs of Parents and the Parent Safety Program.

Based on staff observations and in consultation with the Toronto Police Service-Parking Enforcement Unit, this division supports amending the existing parking and stopping regulations as follows, in order to improve traffic conditions:

St. Clements Avenue

- Within the property limits of the Allenby Public School, delete all parking and stopping restrictions on the north and south sides of the road;
- Install 10 minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side, from a point 37 metres to a point 120 metres west of Avenue Road (drop-off / pick-up zone);
- Install a No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side, from a point 120 metres to a point 170 metres west of Avenue Road (School Bus Loading Zone);
- Install a No Parking Anytime prohibition on both sides, from Avenue Road to a point 37 metres west; and
- Install a No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side, from a point 37 metres to a point 170 metres west of Avenue Road.

Castlefield Avenue

- Within the property limits of Allenby Public School, delete all parking and stopping restrictions on the north and south sides of the road;
- Install 10 minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side, from a point 21 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 90 metres west of Avenue Road (drop-off / pick-up zone);
- Install a No Parking Anytime prohibition, from a point 90 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 96 metres west of Avenue Road;
- Install a No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side, from a point 96 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 110 metres west of Avenue Road;
- Install a No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the north side, from a point 110 metres west of Avenue Road to a point 172 metres west of Avenue Road; and
- Install a No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, prohibition on the south side, from a point 15 metres to a point 190 metres west of Avenue Road.

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 will eliminate the need for children to cross the road from between parked vehicles.

It should be noted that the current on-street daytime (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday) parking that the residents are accustomed to will no longer exist between Avenue Road and the westerly limit of the school property. Three-hour parking for the residents

that require on-street parking will be available west of the west limit of the school property.

In addition to the above, the Permit Parking Section has indicated that they have issued 13 permits to residents on the subject section of Castlefield Avenue. The entire licensed portion of Castlefield Avenue has 153 on-street parking spaces with 81 permits issued.

The proposed parking amendments have been presented to the school Council and administration and have received their support and concurrence.

Although the intent of the proposed parking/stopping restrictions is to provide a safer pedestrian environment, the continuance of the Parent Safety Program and the proactive involvement by the school administrations to educate parents on the importance of compliance will further improve safety.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of the contents and recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Map – St. Clements Av, Castlefield Av (Allenby Public School); School Zone Review (ny08078_map1)
- Attachment 2: Map – St. Clements Av, Castlefield Av; Proposed Parking/Stopping (ny08078_map2)