



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Stopping and Parking Regulations  
on Slan Avenue at Heather Heights Public School**

<b>Date:</b>	December 5, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 43 – Scarborough East
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc08004 D06-2878 Slan Avenue Parking Changes

**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.

This report on Slan Avenue details the minor on-street stopping and parking regulation changes required to enhance both traffic safety and flow in front of Heather Heights Public School. The “school side” parking and “opposite side” no stopping regulations outlined in this report are consistent with those found at many other school zones in the Scarborough District.

Community Council’s approval of the stopping and parking regulations will enhance traffic safety at this location and allow enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:**

1. Rescind the stopping regulations on Slan Avenue, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report,
2. Adopt the stopping and parking regulations on Slan Avenue, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report, and
3. Amend the appropriate by-laws accordingly.

## **Financial Impact**

The financial cost of installing the parking controls recommended in this report is approximately \$1,200.00. The funding for these controls is available in the Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0226.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Further to a request from the Ward Councillor regarding traffic safety concerns on Slan Avenue, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of altering the parking along this street to “school side” parking, and “opposite side” no stopping regulations. Subsequently, the Councillor’s office consulted with the affected neighbours and a consensus was reached in support of these parking regulations.

## **COMMENTS**

The following characteristics describe Slan Avenue:

- This road is located south of Ellesmere Road and west of Orton Park Road.
- Slan Avenue is a two-lane, collector roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and an approximate daily traffic volume of 1,200 vehicles per day.
- This road has a pavement width of 8.6 metres with sidewalks on both sides.
- Consultation with area residents and school officials revealed support for the proposed parking regulation.

## **Parking Observations**

Transportation Services staff conducted an on-street parking study during a typical weekday at peak school activity times. As a result, it was determined that parking regulations were required to encourage school side parking.

The vehicular volumes on Slan Avenue near the school were relatively light and pedestrian crossings were made comfortably between large gaps in vehicular traffic. Providing school destined traffic an area to stop on the school side of this street will help to minimize random mid-block crossings of pedestrians, increase sight lines and would conform to the majority of parking regulations in front of other schools in the Scarborough District.

A review of the reported Toronto Police Service collision records on Slan Avenue in the area of Heather Heights Public School reveals that during the past five years, from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2006, there have been no reported pedestrian collisions.

There is currently a northside “No Stopping” zone along Slan Avenue, between Spraywood Avenue and Montavista Street. The times of operation for this zone will be adjusted to be consistent with the new strategy as the “school side” parking only runs along the frontage of the school.

In summary, these stopping and parking regulations will make this school zone on Slan Avenue consistent with the traffic environment of many school areas, will reduce pedestrian mid-block crossings and will help to maintain sightlines for all road users at this location.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (Parking Regulations – Slan Avenue)

Appendix 1

“No Stopping”  
Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Slan Avenue	North	Greenock Avenue	Montavista Street	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Appendix 2

“No Stopping”  
Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Slan Avenue	South	Greenock Avenue	Spraywood Gate	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Slan Avenue	North	Spraywood Gate	Montavista Street	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

“Parking for Restricted Periods”  
Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days	(In Column 5) Maximum Period Permit
Slan Avenue	North	Greenock Avenue	Spraywood Gate	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday	30 Minutes