



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments - Brownlow Avenue

Date:	May 15, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a 10-minute maximum parking regulation, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, in a designated “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, south of Eglinton Avenue East.

Implementation of this regulation will provide parents/guardians of children attending Eglinton Public School with a place to park for a short period of time while escorting their children to and from the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 16.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 58.4 metres further south.
2. Restrict parking to a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 16.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 32.4 metres further south.

3. Prohibit parking, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday to Friday and at all times Saturday and Sunday, on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 16.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 58.4 metres further south.
4. Prohibit stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26 metres further south.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2008 operating budget	\$500

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has reviewed a request from Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of representatives of Eglinton Public School, to provide short-term parking opportunity for the parents/guardians escorting children to or from the school.

COMMENTS

Road Characteristics

Brownlow Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue, operates two-way on a pavement width of 8.6 metres, with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Stopping is prohibited at anytime on the west side of Brownlow Avenue in the vicinity of Eglinton Public School. The following regulations are in effect on the east side of the street in front of the school.

- Stopping is prohibited at all times, from Eglinton Avenue East to a point 16.6 metres south and from a point 75 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue.
- Parking is prohibited at all times, from a point 16.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 32.4 metres further south. This area is identified with information signs at a “Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area”.
- A “School Bus Loading Zone” is provided, from a point 49 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26 metres further south (currently signed No Stopping at all times).

Permit parking regulations are not in effect on this section of Brownlow Avenue.

Investigation

The curb area designated as the “Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area” (SPDA) currently prohibits parking at all times. However, this regulation allows vehicles to stop while picking up or dropping off passengers. As with many schools in the central area of the City, there is a need for parents to accompany and assist younger children to/from the

school. When parents leave their car unattended, it is considered parked and subject to enforcement.

Implementing a short duration parking regulation within the SPDA would provide parents and guardians with the opportunity to park while escorting children to and from Eglinton Public School.

Resolution

Allowing parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes on the east side of Brownlow Avenue in the area designated as the “Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area” will address parents’ concerns and is recommended. School staff has requested this regulation apply continuously from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The parking prohibition currently in effect in this area will be maintained at other times. About 6 parking spaces will be provided. This regulation will not impact operational safety.

Staff note, having this regulation operate continuously, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. has minor potential problems associated with it. Stringent enforcement is needed to discourage longer term parking by persons living/visiting in the area or shopping on Eglinton Avenue East. Also, implementing a 10-minute maximum parking regulation at this location will benefit parents and guardians of children who require assistance, but will reduce opportunities for parents to stop momentarily to pick-up or drop-off students, since curb-space is likely to be filled with parked vehicles during peak arrival and dismissal times at the school.

Recommendation No. 4 above is a housekeeping amendment that adjusts the parking by-laws on Brownlow Avenue to eliminate an overlap of regulations within the “School Bus Loading Zone”.

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