



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

School Bus Loading Zone – Kensington Community School

Date:	June 16, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting City Council’s approval to designate a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of College Street, adjacent to Kensington Community School (401 College Street).

The School Bus Loading Zone will improve access to the school for special needs students that are bussed to/from Kensington Community School. This will result in the loss of 3 parking spaces on College Street during the operational hours of the loading zone.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Approve installation of a “School Bus Loading Zone”, on the south side of College Street, between a point 59.8 metres east of Lippincott Street and a point 18.4 metres further east.
2. Introduce a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of College Street, between a point 59.8 metres east of Lippincott Street and a point 18.4 metres further east, in conjunction with installation of the School Bus Loading Zone.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has investigated a request from Ms. Hana Maire, Principal of Kensington Community School, to identify a “School Bus Loading Zone” at this school to assist with the pick-up and drop-off of children with special needs.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

Kensington Community School (401 College Street) is located on the southeast corner at the intersection of College Street and Lippincott Street. College Street is a major arterial roadway with a speed limit of 50 km/h and a daily two-way traffic volume of approximately 20,000 vehicles. College Street consists of two lanes in each direction for general traffic as well as bicycle lanes. Streetcars operate on College Street in a mixed traffic environment (506-CARLTON streetcar). Parking is allowed in "bay-style" parking areas on both sides of College Street. Pay & Display parking provisions apply during the following periods:

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; and
- 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday.

Parking is permitted on College Street without charge at all other times.

There is presently no designated on-street or off-street loading facilities at Kensington Community School for use by school buses.

School Bus Loading Zone (SBLZ)

Typically, staff would avoid designating other curb-side usage in Pay & Display areas. However, during a meeting on-site with Ms. Maire, staff was advised that the students being bussed to this school have special needs and require supervision. Although an alternate location on the Lippincott Street flank of the school was considered, it is not practical to have these students travel a greater distance to the school entrance. Designating a SBLZ on College Street provides the most direct access to the school.

Resolution

Designating a “School Bus Loading Zone” within one of the parking bays on the south side of College Street is recommended. An area, 59.8 metres east of Lippincott Street and 18.4 metres in length is appropriate for the SBLZ. Designating the SBLZ requires that stopping be prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in this area, a regulation to which school buses are exempt. This will eliminate

about 3 parking spaces during the hours of operation and provide a loading area for the one or two "short" buses required at any given time. The Pay & Display Parking will continue to operate from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and during the hours noted above on weekends.

Councillor Adam Vaughan has been consulted in this regard.

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