



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Watson Avenue – Amendment to Parking Regulations

Date:	January 12, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 13 – Parkdale High Park
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090021-to

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to establish a Pick-up and Drop-off Zone on the west side of Watson Avenue north St. Marks Road.

The proposed parking amendment will address the parking concerns raised by parents who need to pick-up and drop-off their children on the west side of Watson Avenue north of St. Marks Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing parking regulations on the west side of Watson Avenue north of St. Marks Road as listed in Appendix “A” of this report.
2. Enacting the proposed parking regulations on the west side of Watson Avenue north of St. Marks Road as listed in Appendix “B” of this report.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Bill Saundercook in consultation with Mr. Craig Howe, Vice Principal of Humbercrest Public School, requested Transportation Services staff, to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Pick-up and Drop-off Zone on the west side of Watson Avenue north of St. Marks Road. A Map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Watson Avenue is a 7.3 metre wide one-way northbound local road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h, between St. Marks Road and St. Johns Road.

Stopping is currently prohibited at all times on both sides of Watson Avenue, between St. Marks Road and a point 9 metres north and on both sides of Watson Avenue, between St. Johns Road and a point 9 metres south. Parking is currently prohibited at all times on the west side of Watson Avenue, between a point 9 metres north of St. Marks Road and a point 9 metres south of St. Johns Road.

Permit parking is in effect from 12:00 Midnight to 6:00 a.m., on the east side of Watson Avenue, between a point 9 metres north of St. Marks Road and a point 9 metres south of St. Johns Road, at other times parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

On-site observations revealed that there is a high demand for on-street parking in the vicinity of the school area while parents are picking-up and dropping-off students. Parents park illegally in the prohibited parking area on the west side of Watson Avenue north of St. Marks Road and receive tickets from the Toronto Police Parking Enforcement Unit.

In order to address this issue and safely accommodate this demand, staff has concluded that it is feasible to implement a student Pick-up and Drop-off Zone on the west side of Watson Avenue from a point 62.5 metres north of St. Marks Road to a point 24 metres further to the north. The school administration is supportive of this proposal.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A

Appendix B

Attachment No. 1: Map – Parking Regulations Amendment

Appendix “A”

No Parking Certain Times be rescinded:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Days
Watson Avenue	West	A point 9 metres north of St. Mark’s Road and a point 9 metres south of St. John’s Road	Anytime

Appendix “B”

No Parking Certain Times be enacted:

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Days
Watson Avenue	West	A point 9 metres north of St. Mark’s Road and a point 62.5 metres north of St. Mark’s Road	Anytime
Watson Avenue	West	A point 62.5 metres north of St. Mark’s Road and a point 24 metres further north	From 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, all day Saturdays and Sundays
Watson Avenue	West	A point 86.5 metres north of St. Mark’s Road and a point 9 metres south of St. John’s Road	Anytime

Time Limit Parking be enacted:

Highway	Side	Between	Times or Days	Maximum Period Permitted
Watson Avenue	West	A point 62.5 metres north of St. Mark’s Road and a point 24 metres further north	From 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday	15 mins.