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STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Hartfield Road – Parking Regulation Amendments

| Date: | February 19, 2009 |
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| То: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District |
| Wards: | Ward 4 – Etobicoke-Centre |
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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 obtain approval for the installation of a "Maximum 10 Minute Limit" parking regulation on the south side of Hartfield Road along a portion of the frontage of Humber Valley Village Junior Middle School. This regulation will apply between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. and 5:00p.m. To prevent parking during the off-peak school hours, parking will be prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

This proposed regulation will give the parents wishing to accompany children into the school an area for short duration parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

- 1. Rescinding the existing parking prohibition that applies between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Hartfield Road from Anglesey Boulevard to The Kingsway.
- Enacting a parking prohibition that applies between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Hartfield Road from The Kingsway to a point 73 metres further west.

- 3. Enacting a parking prohibition that applies between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hartfield Road from a point 73 metres west of The Kingsway to a point 62 metres further west.
- 4. Enacting a Maximum 10 Minute Limit that applies between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hartfield Road from a point 73 metres west of The Kingsway to a point 62 metres further west.
- 5. Enacting a parking prohibition that applies between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hartfield Road from a point 135 metres west of The Kingsway to Anglesey Boulevard.

Financial Impact

| Type of Funding | Source of Funds | Amount |
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| Available within current budget | Transportation Services Operating Budget | \$400.00 |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Ward 4, Etobicoke Centre, on behalf of the principal of Humber Valley Village Junior Middle School, to create an area to accommodate parents wishing to park and accompany children into the school. The recommendations contained in this report were discussed at a meeting with the area Councillor, school staff and parents, the Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement Unit and area residents. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Hartfield Road is an 8.5 metre, one-way local road running from Anglesey Boulevard to The Kingsway, and is built to rural standards, (ditches and swales). The posted speed limit is 40 km/h with a sidewalk located on the school side. Humber Valley Village School fronts onto Hartfield Road between The Kingsway and Anglesey Boulevard. In addition, the school also has frontage on both The Kingsway and Anglesey Boulevard.

Current parking regulations on Hartfield Road include "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" on the school side, with a "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation posted opposite the school. Along Anglesey Boulevard, parking is permitted for a maximum of three hours along the concrete shoulders. On The Kingsway, within a parking lay-by, a large portion is designated as a School Bus Loading Zone, with the remainder prohibited to parking.

To address parking concerns, a school area traffic assessment was conducted during the morning and afternoon peak hours for both Hartfield Road and Anglesey Boulevard. As part of this assessment, the number of vehicles dropping off and picking up students and their approximate location were recorded. The results of our studies indicate that the majority of parents/care-givers do obey the posted no stopping regulations and as a result

very few mid-block crossings were recorded on either street. This may be due in part to school staff patrolling the parking on Hartfield Road.

During the morning peak, a total of 24 parents/caregivers were recorded on Hartfield Road exiting the vehicle to assist students into the school. Another 53 vehicles stopped to drop children off without exiting the vehicle. However, since Humber Valley Village school operates a "before and after school" program, these were spread out between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

During the afternoon peak, a total of 29 vehicles were recorded on Hartfield Road, all of which were recorded on the school side within the existing "No Parking" area. However, due to the staggered dismissal times, spaces were always available on Hartfield Road and no vehicles were recorded stopping opposite the school immediately in front of the residential homes. In addition, 23 vehicles were recorded parking on Anglesey Boulevard prior to dismissal.

Based on our observations and consultation with the principal, we are proposing to amend the existing parking regulations on the school side of Hartfield Road to accommodate parents/caregivers that are required to escort children to and from school. Since this is primarily the younger students, who are dismissed earlier and from a different set of doors than the remaining school population, we are proposing an area of 62 metres be designated with a 10-minute limit. Specifically, beginning near the front doors of the school, this area would permit parking for a maximum of 10 minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., from Monday to Friday. With the exception of the area in which we are proposing the 10-minute limit, all the existing regulations will remain in effect in an effort to keep the areas near the other doors and walkways strictly for passenger pick-up and drop-off.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map