



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Mount Olive Drive and Silverstone Drive - Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	March 19, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 1 – Etobicoke North
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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 amend the parking regulations in the area of Highfield Junior School, which is located on the corner of Mount Olive Drive and Silverstone Drive. The proposed parking regulation amendments include prohibiting parking between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the school side of both Mount Olive Drive and Silverstone Drive, while prohibiting stopping between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the side of the street opposite the school.

These proposed regulations will be more consistent with other schools in the area while reducing the potential for vehicles to be parked on both sides of the respective streets. These regulations are also intended to reduce congestion near the school and the need for students to cross the road between parked vehicles. As the existing school bus loading zone is currently not used for regular bus service, this zone will also be removed to maximize the on-street drop-off and pick-up area for parents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on both sides of Mount Olive Drive between Vange Crescent (the most easterly intersection) to Silverstone Drive.

2. Rescinding the existing “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side of Silverstone Drive between Mount Olive Drive and Stevenson Road.
3. Rescinding the existing “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on both sides of Silverstone Drive between a point 87 metres south of Mount Olive Drive and at point 36 metres south thereof.
4. Rescinding the existing “School Bus Loading Zone” on the **west** side of Silverstone Drive between point 87 metres south of Mount Olive Drive and point 37 metres south thereof.
5. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the north side of Mount Olive Drive between Vange Crescent (east intersection) and Silverstone Drive (south intersection).
6. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the south side of Mount Olive Drive between Vange Crescent (east intersection) and Silverstone Drive (south intersection).
7. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side of Silverstone Drive between the Mount Olive Drive (south intersection) and Stevenson Road.
8. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the west side of Silverstone Drive between a point 87 metres south of Mount Olive Drive (south intersection) and point 36 metres south thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services and Toronto Police Services, Parking Enforcement Unit recently attended a meeting at Highfield Junior School to discuss the implementation of the Parent Safety Program (P.S.P.). At the meeting concerns were raised by school staff and parents regarding the parking regulations which currently exist in the area of the school. A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

The current parking regulations in the area of Highfield Junior School prohibit vehicles from stopping on either side of Mount Olive Drive in the area of the school. However, currently “No Parking” regulations exist on both sides of Silverstone Drive between Mount Olive Drive and Stevenson Road which do permit passenger pick-up and drop-off on both sides of the street. This condition creates significant congestion in the area with vehicles stopping or standing on both sides of the street. In addition, it creates a condition where students are walking out from behind parked cars to access vehicles stopped legally on the opposite side of the school.

COMMENTS

Highfield Junior School is located at the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Silverstone Drive and Mount Olive Drive within the residential community located to the west of Kipling Avenue and to the north of Finch Avenue West. Both streets are built to urban standards (curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides and 40 km/h speed limits. Mount Olive Drive is 8.5 metres wide while Silverstone Drive is 9.8 metres wide.

Currently, a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition exists on both sides of Mount Olive Drive along the school frontage while parking prohibitions exist on both sides of Silverstone Drive between Mount Olive Drive and Stevenson Road. In addition, there is a small area, near a walkway to the school on Silverstone Drive, which is posted as “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday”. Within this area, on the west side of the road, is a designated school bus loading zone. Highfield Park is located to the south of the school property.

Based on the results of our studies, and consultation with school staff, it is recommended that the existing school bus loading zone be removed, as they do not currently have students that are transported by school bus. Furthermore, it is recommended that the existing parking regulations be amended on Mount Olive Drive and Silverstone Drive, in the area of the school, to prohibit parking on the school side of the streets and prohibit stopping on the opposite side.

The proposed regulations will permit parents/caregivers to stop to pick-up and drop-off students within the areas designated as “No Parking”. This will reduce the potential for students to walk between parked cars, as it will be illegal to stop opposite the school. In addition to improving safety in the area of the school, it will reduce congestion near the school and be more typical of what exists at most schools (i.e. school side parking/opposite side no stopping).

The regulations near the school walkway that prohibit stopping between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday will be retained as this area is currently under investigation by the Toronto Police Service for an adult guard/School Crossing.

Although at the time of our studies, the Parent Safety Program was not operational, we have been advised that the school is planning on implementing this program. Our recommendations will complement this program and we have discussed these recommendations with the school’s principal.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Existing Conditions

Attachment 2: Map – Proposed Conditions