



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Dixfield Drive – Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	March 17, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 3 – 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 Dixfield Drive along the section abutting Wellesworth Junior School. This regulation will apply between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The proposed parking amendment includes the removal of an existing designated on-street school bus loading zone which is no longer required.

This proposed “Maximum 10 Minute Limit” 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 “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of Dixfield Drive between Wellesworth Drive and a point 128 metres further east.
2. Rescinding the existing designated school bus loading zone on the south side of Dixfield Drive between a point 25 metres east of Wellesworth Drive and a point 40 metres further east.
3. Enacting a “Maximum 10 Minute Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of Dixfield Drive between Wellesworth Drive and a point 128 metres further east.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff had a request forwarded by the office of Councillor Doug Holyday , Ward 3, Etobicoke Centre, from the chairperson of the Wellesworth Junior School Council 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 staff, the principal of the school and the school council chairperson. Maps of the area are Attachments 1 and 2.

COMMENTS

Dixfield Drive is an 8 metre wide, two-way local road located in the residential community north of Rathburn Road and west of The West Mall. The road is built to urban standards (i.e. curb and gutter) and there are sidewalks on both sides of the road. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. Wellesworth Junior School is located at 225 Wellesworth Drive, the southeast corner of the northwest intersection of Wellesworth Drive and Dixfield Drive.

Parking is currently prohibited on both sides of Dixfield Drive, in the area of the school, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. In addition, there is a designated school bus loading zone on the south side of Dixfield Drive, east of Wellesworth Drive. This zone, approximately 40 metres in length, is no longer being used by school buses that service Wellesworth Junior School. The few buses that do service the school use the designated bus loop in the school parking lot for the pick-up and drop-off of students. This parking lot is accessed from the east side of Wellesworth Drive, south of the school.

Parking is also prohibited on both sides of Wellesworth Drive, in the area of the school, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This section of Wellesworth Drive is serviced by the Toronto Transit Commission, as part of the “112 West Mall” bus route.

Currently, many parents of students in the lower grades are illegally parking their vehicles in the existing No Parking zones during student pick-up and drop-off periods. They are leaving their vehicles for a few minutes to walk their children to and from the school doors or yard.

Given that there is currently no on-street parking allowed in the area of the school and minimal on-site parking for parents, staff recommends that parking be restricted to 10 minutes maximum, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dixfield Drive between Wellesworth Drive and a point 128 metres further east. A 15 metre No Parking Anytime corner prohibition would be installed on the south side of Dixfield Drive, east of Wellesworth Drive. In addition, given that the existing designated school bus loading zone on Dixfield Drive is not required, it is recommended that this zone be removed.

These proposed changes will eliminate the existing school bus loading zone that is no longer required and will provide a convenient and safe student pick-up and drop-off area in the front of the school.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	Map (Existing Parking Regulations)
Attachment 2:	Map (Proposed Parking Regulations)