



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Farr Avenue – Bus Loading Zone

Date:	May 7, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 1 – Etobicoke-North
Reference Number:	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090089-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 obtain approval to remove the school bus loading zone on the north side of Farr Avenue along the flankage of St. Andrews Catholic School (2533 Kipling Avenue).

This school bus loading zone is no longer required as school buses are using a loop on school property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the school bus loading zone on the north side of Farr Avenue between a point 24.0 metres east of Kipling Avenue and a point 30.5 metres east thereof.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$100.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff consulted with staff from the Toronto Catholic District School Board regarding the need to retain the school bus loading zone on Farr Avenue. Staff examining a site plan application on the street noticed that there was a missing sign to delineate this zone and contacted the school to determine the status of this school bus loading zone. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Farr Avenue is an 8.5 metre wide two-way local road running from Kipling Avenue and terminating approximately 250 metres to the east. The road is located immediately north of Finch Avenue and St. Andrews School is on the northeast corner of Kipling Avenue and Farr Avenue. The road is built to urban standards with a 50 km/h speed limit and with a sidewalk on both sides of the street.

Current parking regulations on Farr Avenue include a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on both sides of the street from Kipling Avenue to a point 95 metres east of Kipling Avenue, with the remainder of the street signed as “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday”. The school bus loading zone is on the north side of Farr Avenue abutting the school property.

We have been advised that beginning in September 2009, all school buses will load and unload students on school property.

Based on staff’s examination of this matter, and the accommodation of school buses on school property, we recommend the school bus loading zone on the north side of Farr Avenue between a point 24.0 metres east of Kipling Avenue and a point 30.5 metres east thereof be removed. Toronto Catholic District School Board staff is supportive of this recommendation.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map