



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Firgrove Crescent – Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	October 15, 2009
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 7 – York West
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Etobicoke York\eycc090140

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the 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 15 Minute Limit” parking regulation on the north side of Firgrove Crescent along a portion of the frontage of Francis de Sales Catholic School and installing a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation opposite the school on Firgrove Crescent.

The proposed regulations will give the parents wishing to accompany children into the school an area for short duration parking and reduce the potential for vehicles to be parked on both sides of the street, thereby reducing congestion near the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the west side of Firgrove Crescent between Elana Drive and a point 91.5 metres south of the southerly limit of Elana Drive.
2. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of Firgrove Crescent between the Elana Drive and a point 200 metres southwest of Elana Drive.

3. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the north side of Firgrove Crescent between Elana Drive and a point 110 metres southwest of Elana Drive.
4. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the north side of Firgrove Crescent between Elana Drive and a point 110 metres southwest of Elana Drive.
5. Enacting a Maximum 15 Minute Limit that applies between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the north side of Firgrove Crescent between a point 110 metres southwest of Elana Drive and a point 84 metres further southwest.
6. Enacting a “No Parking 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. regulation on the north side of Firgrove Crescent between a point 110 metres southwest of Elana Drive and a point 84 metres further southwest
7. Enacting a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the north side of Firgrove Crescent between a point 194 metres southwest of Elana Drive and Picaro Drive.
8. Enacting “No U Turn” regulation for both ways on Firgrove Crescent between Elana Drive and a point 200 metres southwest of Elana Drive.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services and Toronto Police Services, Parking Enforcement Unit recently attended a meeting with the principal of Francis de Sales Catholic School regarding concerns of traffic congestion in the area of the school. Also requested was designating an area where parents can park and legally escort children to and from the school.

The current parking regulations include “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” along the majority of the frontage along the school side (north side) of Firgrove Crescent. Within this “No Stopping” zone is a school crossing and school bus loading zone. The remaining frontage of the school and the south side of Firgrove Crescent, opposite the school, is designated as “No Parking Anytime”. Maps of the area are Attachment Nos. 1 & 2.

COMMENTS

Francis de Sales Catholic School is located on the corner of Firgrove Crescent and Elana Drive within the residential community located to the west of Jane Street and to the south of Finch Avenue West. Both streets are built to urban standards (curb and gutter) with sidewalks located on both sides of both streets.

To address concerns, a school area traffic assessment was conducted during the morning and afternoon peaks on Firgrove Crescent. As part of this assessment, the number of vehicles dropping off and picking up students and their approximate location were recorded.

Currently “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulations exist on the school side of Firgrove Crescent directly in front of the school with a school bus loading zone encompassed within this zone. During our studies a total of 19 and 23 vehicles were recorded during the morning and afternoon peaks respectively picking-up or dropping-off students were within the “No Stopping” zone.

Near the west limit of the school is a school crossing which students are assisted by an adult crossing guard. Observations conducted during the morning and afternoon peak recorded a total of 302 pedestrians crossing within the crosswalk and an additional 73 crossing outside of the crosswalk in the vicinity of the school. Although the “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation is currently signed to include the school crossing, the existing by-law ends just before the crossing. Therefore, our recommendations above reflect the existing field conditions.

Opposite the school, as well as on the school side adjacent to the school playground, “No Parking Anytime” regulations are posted. This regulation does permit passenger pick-up and drop-off, however, does not allow for caregivers to leave the vehicle to assist students. Within the areas designated as “No Parking”, a total of 10 and 23 vehicles were recorded picking-up or dropping-off students during the morning and afternoon peaks respectively.

In addition, it was noted that a total of 27 vehicles completed “U” turns immediately in front of the school during our morning and afternoon observations.

Based on the results of our studies, and consultation with school staff, it is recommended that the existing school bus loading zone remain in the current form. However, it is recommended that the existing parking regulations be amended on Firgrove Crescent to permit parking for a maximum of 15 minutes along a portion of the road abutting the school playground (north side) between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with parking being prohibited during all other times (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.) This area will provide parking for approximately 11 vehicles. In addition, it is recommended that a “No Stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation be installed opposite the school and playground (south side) to supplement the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation and reduce the potential for children to walk between parked vehicles, as caregivers will not be able to stop directly opposite the school.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Parking Regulation Amendments

Attachment No. 2: Area Map