

**School Zone Review: Roselawn Avenue (North
Preparatory/Alternative School)**

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 – Eglinton Lawrence
Reference Number:	<i>ny09039</i>

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend the existing parking and stopping restrictions on both sides of Roselawn Avenue, in the vicinity of North Preparatory/Alternative School.

Amendments to the parking and stopping restrictions will address the residents and school administration's concerns and improve pedestrian safety as well as two-way traffic flow on Roselawn Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Divisions recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the deletion of the existing "No Parking Anytime on the south side of Roselawn Avenue from Chaplin Crescent to Wingate Place;
2. Approve the installation of 15 minute permitted parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Roselawn Avenue, from a point 30.5 metres east of Caldow Road to a point 60 metres east thereof;

3. Approve the installation of 15 minute permitted parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Roselawn Avenue, from a point 30.5 metres west of Caldwor Road to a point 60 metres west thereof; and
4. Approve the installation of “No Parking Anytime” prohibition, on the north side of Roselawn Avenue, from Chaplin Crescent to Wingate Place.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendment of the parking and stopping prohibitions on Briar Hill Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division’s 2009 Operating Budget estimates.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Karen Stintz on behalf of School Administration and School Advisory Council of the North Preparatory/Alternative School, to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking/stopping restrictions on Roselawn Avenue, in the vicinity of the school in order to increase the level of safety for pedestrians and motorists during student pick-up and drop-off activities. Residents and the school administration are concerned that vehicles parked on both sides of Roselawn Avenue force children to cross between parked vehicles to access the school on the south side of the road.

COMMENTS

The North Preparatory/Alternative School is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of New Haven Drive and Spadina Road. Vehicular access to the school is from the intersection of New Haven Drive and Spadina Road. Pedestrian access to the school is via Spadina Road and Roselawn Avenue. Spadina Road and New Haven Drive are classified as local roadways and have a posted speed limit of 40km/h. New Haven Drive has a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres and municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the roadway, whereas Spadina Road consists of a 3 metre wide landscaped median with a pavement width of 5.0 metres per direction. A municipal sidewalk is located only on the east side of Spadina Road. It should be noted that the roadways intersect with each other at a 90 degree angle. The width of the pavement at the intersection/curve widens to approximately 13.0 metres.

The current parking restrictions on the roadways surrounding the school are as follows:

New Haven Drive

- Parking is permitted up to a maximum of three hours on the north side of the roadway;
- Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of the roadway.

Spadina Road

- Parking is permitted up to a maximum of 60 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side from Chaplin Crescent to New Haven Road;
- Parking is prohibited at anytime on the west side.

Roselawn Avenue

- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from a point 30.5 metres west of Caldow Road to a point 30.5 metres east of Caldow Road
- Parking is permitted up to a maximum of three hours on the north side of the roadway;
- Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side of the roadway from Bathurst Street to Duplex Avenue.

To identify existing traffic conditions on New Haven Drive, Spadina Road and Roselawn Avenue, a School Zone Review (SZR) was conducted.

During the completion of the SZR, staff observed motorists stopped/parked primarily on the west side of Spadina Road and on the south side of Roselawn Avenue, during the a.m. and p.m. arrival and dismissal times, respectively. A minimal number of parents utilized the existing parking lot to drop off and pick up their children. As for New Haven Drive, no drop off and pick up activity was observed.

The SZR indicates that the current stopping and parking restrictions require that motorists either disobey the current signage or drop-off/pick-up their children on the side of the road opposite the school, requiring the children to cross the roadway from between parked vehicles. Additionally, vehicles parking on the west side of Spadina Road impede southbound traffic flow since Spadina Road is only 5.0m wide in the southbound direction. The above actions are not considered safe practice for motorists and/or pedestrians.

As such the existing on-street parking/stopping prohibitions do not adequately address the needs of the school and parents. Furthermore, the current parking activity is negatively affecting the overall safety of motorists and pedestrians. In order to improve existing conditions, this division recommends that the parking and stopping restrictions be amended on Roselawn Avenue.

Councillor Karen Stintz has been advised of this division's recommendations and has provided her concurrence.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Roselawn Av; School Zone Review (*ny09039_map1*)

Attachment 2: Map – Roselawn Av; Proposed Drop Off/Pick Up (*ny09039_map2*)