

**School Zone Review: Viewmount Avenue (Bialik Hebrew Day School)**

<b>Date:</b>	August 6, 2009
<b>To:</b>	North York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
<b>Wards:</b>	<b>Ward 15 – Eglinton - Lawrence</b>
<b>Reference Number:</b>	<i>ny09059</i>

**SUMMARY**

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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 improve the existing conditions by amending the existing parking and stopping restrictions on Hillmount Avenue, Glenmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue.

Amendments to the current parking and stopping restrictions will address both the residents and school administration's concerns and improve the overall safety for pedestrians as well as maintain an acceptable level of service for the traffic flow.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Transportation Services Division recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install "No stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition on the north side of Hillmount Avenue, from Bathurst Street to Glenmount Avenue.

2. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete the existing “15 minute permitted parking, at any time, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, from a point 83 metres west of Bathurst Street to a point 30 metres westerly thereof.
3. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “15 minute permitted parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, from a point 83 metres west of Bathurst Street to a point 30 metres westerly thereof.
4. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete the existing “No parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the west side of Glenmount Avenue from the southerly limit of Hillmount Avenue to the northerly limit of Viewmount Avenue.
5. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “No stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the west side of Glenmount Avenue from the southerly limit of Hillmount Avenue to the northerly limit of Viewmount Avenue.
6. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete the “30 minute permitted parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the east side of Glenmount Avenue from the southerly limit of Hillmount Avenue to the northerly limit of Viewmount Avenue.
7. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “15 minute permitted parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the east side of Glenmount Avenue from the southerly limit of Hillmount Avenue to the northerly limit of Viewmount Avenue.
8. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete the “30 minute permitted parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the north side of Viewmount Avenue from a point 30 metres west of Bathurst Street to a point 94 metres west of Bathurst Street; and.
9. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 3100 of the former City of North York, to install “15 minute permitted parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the north side of Viewmount Avenue from a point 30 metres west of Bathurst Street to a point 94 metres west of Bathurst Street.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by the Bialik Hebrew Day School Administration and area residents to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking/stopping restrictions on Viewmount Avenue, Glenmount Avenue and Hillmount Avenue. The purpose of the investigation was to determine the necessary changes needed in order to increase the level of safety for pedestrians and motorists during student pick-up and drop-off activities.

## **COMMENTS**

The Bialik Hebrew Day School is located on the west side of Bathurst Street, between Hillmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue. The school building's main entrance is located at its east end abutting Bathurst Street. Access to the school's parking lot (76 parking spaces) is via Hillmount Avenue. Egress from the school's parking lot can occur either onto Hillmount Avenue or Viewmount Avenue.

Hillmount Avenue, Glenmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue are classified as local roadways and have a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of Hillmount Avenue, Glenmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue in the vicinity of the school.

The current parking, stopping and turning restrictions on the roadways surrounding the school are as follows:

### **Hillmount Avenue**

- "No Parking Anytime" prohibition on the north side from Bathurst Street to Glenmount Avenue;
- "No Parking Anytime" prohibition on the south side from Bathurst Street to a point 83 metres west
- "No Parking Anytime" prohibition on the south side from a point 113 metres west of Bathurst Street to Glenmount Avenue; and
- "30 minute Permitted Parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" on the south side from a point 83 metres west of Bathurst Street to a point 30 metres westerly thereof

## **Glenmount Avenue**

- “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the west side from Hillmount Avenue to Viewmount Avenue;
- ”No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the east side from Viewmount Avenue to Glencairn Avenue;
- “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibition on the east side from Hillmount Avenue to Viewmount Avenue; and
- “30 minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the east side from Hillmount Avenue to Viewmount Avenue

## **Viewmount Avenue**

- ”No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the north side from Bathurst Street to a point 30 metres west;
- ”No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the north side from a point 94 metres west of Bathurst Street to Glenmount Avenue;
- ”No Parking Anytime” prohibition on the south side from Bathurst Street to Marlee Avenue; and
- “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the south side from Bathurst Street to a point 104 metres west: and
- 30 minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” on the north side from a point 30 metres west of Bathurst Street to a point 94 metres west of Bathurst Street;

To identify existing traffic conditions on Hillmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue, this division conducted a School Zone Review (SZR) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

During the completion of the SZR staff observed motorists parked on both sides of Hillmount Avenue, Glenmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue. This parking activity restricts the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and also forces children being dropped-off/picked-up by their parents to cross the roadway from between parked vehicles. It was also observed that several of the eastbound motorists on Hillmount Avenue elected to double park, thereby blocking westbound traffic flow.

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 Hillmount Avenue, Glenmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue

Councillor Howard Moscoe has been advised of this division's recommendations and has provided his concurrence.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Hillmount Av, Glenmount Av and Viewmount Av in the vicinity of Bialik Hebrew Day School (*ny09059\_map*)